

**A HISTORICAL COLLECTION**  
**FROM**  
**COLUMBIANA**  
**AND**  
**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
**1805-1975**



## Foreword

We, the members of the Heritage Committee of the Columbiana Bicentennial Commission, offer to you, the residents and "friends" of the Village of Columbiana and Fairfield Township, this book, "A Historical Collection from Columbiana and Fairfield Township, 1805-1975".

We hope that the reading of it, both now and in later years, will bring back many pleasant memories of your home place and the people with whom you lived.

Its putting together involved a great deal of work for all of us. But the satisfaction we derive in the knowledge that we've produced something of lasting value makes the time and effort expended truly worthwhile.

This book is not a formal history. In its making, we did not intend to rival those scholarly people who spend years in research and annotation.

However, our sources were numerous. We consulted old histories of the county; school, church, township and village records; private scrapbooks and journals. We drew generously from Chauncey Wolfgang's 1912 History of Columbiana, the 1955 Sesquicentennial book, and from back copies of the weekly newspaper, The Ledger.

Many of the anecdotes came from stories and legends handed down from "old-timers" to eager young listeners generation after generation; many others are accounts of events some of us personally experienced, or accounts heard directly from those who had the experiences.

In short, we offer here a potpourri—a miscellaneous collection of accounts of events, places, and people of your home town and township.

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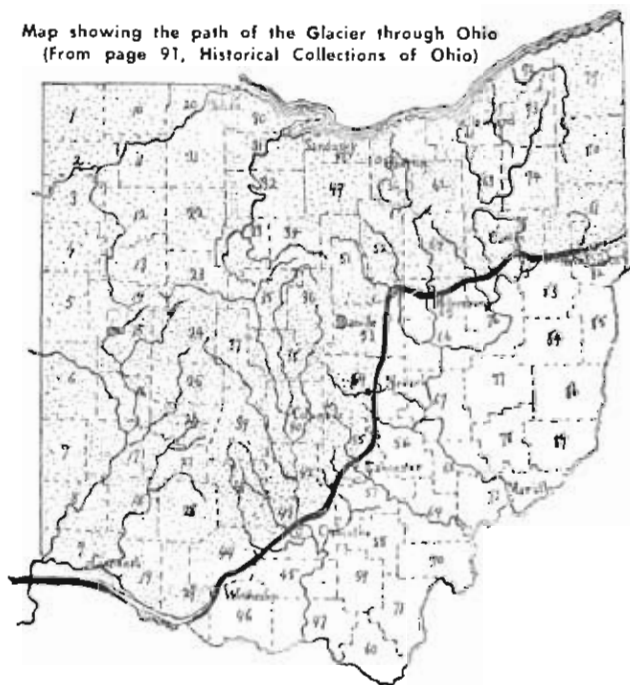
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## The Glacier and Prehistoric Man in Ohio

The map shown below illustrates that all but the southeastern part of Ohio was glaciated—that is, covered with marks and deposits showing it was at one time covered with a moving sheet of ice. The tracks can be as readily recognized as those of a horse or elephant.

Map showing the path of the Glacier through Ohio  
(From page 91, Historical Collections of Ohio)



The glacier that in the far distant past invaded our state is proven by scratches on the bedrock showing its movement. The till or soil outside of this area is formed by the rotting of the rocks downward, so that along streams there is no soil but such as would come from the immediate vicinity. But in a glaciated region it will be composed of elements from various places—granite fragments from Canada, limestone from the bed of Lake Erie, shales from countries north and west and sandstone from the immediate area. These are not in separate layers as they would be if they were deposited by waters, but are as thoroughly mixed as mortar in a hod. The only way this could be done would be by the action of a glacier. The boulders in the glacial region have been brought from great distances—granite from northern New York, rocks containing pebbles of red jasper found only to the north of Lake Huron and near the outlet of Lake Superior, and boulders containing copper from the Lake Superior region.

As the glacier retreated, great floods were released which created terraces, especially in the valleys where they emerge from the glaciated region. Along Little Beaver and Big Sandy Creeks in Columbiana County these terraces can be seen. The Ohio River is lined with them from fifty to one hundred feet above high water mark.

In the valley of the Little Miami have been found very early traces of man. When the terraces there were excavated ancient implements were found and the bones of the mastodon were discovered.

To further substantiate this, a recent discovery of clues to ancient man was made at the Meadow Croft

Rock Shelter about twenty five miles southwest of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Charcoal, stone tools and other artifacts were found in a fire pit underneath this large overhanging rock which wandering tribes used as a shelter and hunting base. Charcoal found there proved to be 16,000 years old. Further excavating should reveal even earlier occupation, since another fire pit was found directly below the one just dated. These finds help establish that man, whose habit of life was much like that of the Eskimos, was already following the retreating ice. Bones of the musk ox, walrus and mastodon have been found along with similar implements at an excavation in New Jersey.

In conclusion we can speak of man as belonging to the glacial period and of Ohio as being one of the earliest parts of the globe to be inhabited. Ages before the mound builders, primitive man hunted and fished with rude implements in some portions of at least the southern part of the State



## The Indians in Ohio

As near as can be determined, the Erie tribe laid claim to all of northeastern Ohio before, as tradition asserts, they were completely annihilated at Honeoye Falls in Monroe County about the year 1656 by The Five Nations.

Before 1720 the Ohio above the mouth of the Wabash was known as the River of the Iroquois, but it is not definitely known if they actually occupied that part of Ohio that was claimed by the conquered Eries.

The warlike confederacy of the Six Nations were to the east and the equally warlike Shawnees were on the west. The intervening country is said to have been uninhabited except by bands of Shawnees or parties of the Iroquois' and Miamis. The Wyandottes are said to have made a treaty with the Nations about 1694 and to have gradually moved into Ohio, followed by the Delawares from the east, the Miamis from the west, and the Shawnees from the south. In the early part of the eighteenth century the Senecas occupied the northern portion of Ohio.

In 1749 the English, basing their claim to all the lands from the Atlantic to the Mississippi and from the lakes to Carolina on a treaty signed with the Nationals at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1744, built a trading house on the Great Miami River. Early in 1752 the French, who also laid claim to this area, having heard of this, attacked, accompanied by the Ottawas and Chippewas. After a severe battle they overpowered and destroyed the post, carrying off the traders to Canada. This fort or blockhouse was called by the English Pickawillany, and was the first British settlement in the Ohio Valley of which there is a record.

After Braddock's defeat in 1755 the Indians became more aggressive than ever.

So to re-establish British authority, two expeditions were sent west in 1764—one under Colonel John Bradstreet to Detroit, following the southern shore of Lake Erie; the other under Colonel Henry Bouquet, marching into Ohio from Fort Pitt.

Although Bradstreet accepted the Indians' assurances that they would keep the peace, the Ohio

tribes remained unpacified. Bouquet, however, accomplished pacification when he marched with 1500 men into the Tuscarawas-Muskingum Valley and the Indians, overawed by his presence, came to his camp to offer submission. More than 200 white prisoners were released, and promises were made that others would be brought to Fort Pitt the following spring, when a formal treaty would be signed.

During the Revolutionary War most of the western Indians were more or less united against the Americans. To combat this, General McIntosh in 1778 led an expedition aimed at Detroit and the Sandusky Indians, building Fort Laurens, the only fort of the Revolution in Ohio, on the Tuscarawas a short distance below Bolivar. This expedition was abandoned and after much suffering from the Indians and famine the garrison of the fort was recalled in 1779.

The Indians, refusing to accept many of the treaties entered into with the U.S.A. for many years, continued killing and burning over the state of Ohio. As a result, settlement was slow, and it wasn't until after General Anthony Wayne's campaign against the tribes of the northwest and the decisive, victorious battle at Maumee Rapids on August 21, 1794, that a treaty was made effectively alienating the Indian title to territory now constituting the state of Ohio.

Following this, a grand council was held at Greenville at which General Wayne dictated the terms of pacification. Settlement then increased and Ohio seemed at peace with the Indians, until 1810 when they began again committing acts of aggression upon the settlers. Tecumseh and his brother, The Prophet, made such active efforts to unite the native tribes against the Americans that in 1811 Governor William Henry Harrison of the Indiana territory marched against the town of The Prophet, and at the battle of Tippecanoe the Indians were completely defeated.

The British were found to be guilty of inciting and helping the Indians in their depredations, and in June 1812 the United States declared war on Great Britain. Although defeat and disaster marked the beginning, the final victory cast brilliant luster upon American arms.

## Government of Ohio

The territory now constituting the state of Ohio was formerly a part of that vast region claimed by France lying between the Allegheny and Rocky Mountains and was first known as Louisiana based on the explorations and recommendations of Marquette, a zealous French Missionary, and Monsieur Joliet of Quebec, who in 1673 led an expedition a thousand miles down the Mississippi. Following this in 1683, La Salle induced the French Government to fit out an expedition aimed at planting a colony at the mouth of the Mississippi. This failed, but a second one under command of d'Iberville did succeed and permanent establishments were made along the river. This tract was ceded by France to Great Britain by the Treaty of Paris in 1763.

Following the Revolutionary War, legislative action began for government of the Northwest Territory and for survey and sale of portions of its lands. Congress in 1785 passed an ordinance to this effect.

Congress in October, 1787, appointed General Arthur St. Clair of Pennsylvania governor of the Northwest Territory (of which Ohio was a part), to serve from July 13, 1788, when the first civil government was established in the territory, until about the close of the year 1802, when he was removed by the President. Charles W. Byrd, secretary of the Interior, was acting governor after St. Clair's removal.

The Ordinance of 1787 gave the people the right to change their government whenever there were 5000 free males of full age in the territory, and to elect representatives to a territorial legislature. These, when chosen, were to nominate ten freeholders of 500 acres of whom the President was to select five who would be the legislative council. The two houses were organized with Governor St. Clair on September 24, 1799. Then, on April 30, 1802, Congress passed an act authorizing a convention to form a state constitution. This convention assembled in Chillicothe on November 1. Counties represented were Belmont, Clermont, Fairfield, Hamilton, Jefferson, Ross, Trumbull, and Washington. Edward Tiffin of Ross County was elected president, and on the 29th of the same month, a constitution of state government was ratified and signed by members of the Convention. It was never referred to the people for their approval, but became the fundamental law of the state by the act of the Constitution alone and by this act, Ohio became one of the states of the Federal Union.

(By a joint resolution of Congress in August 1953, the official date of Ohio's admission to the Union was declared to be March 1, 1803, the date when the first legislature convened.)

Edward Tiffin, serving as governor from 1802 to 1807, resigned March 3, 1807, to accept the office of United States Senator. Thomas Kirker of Adams County completed his term. Return Jonathan Meigs Jr. was elected governor in October, 1807, over Nathaniel Massie, who contested the election on the grounds that Meigs had not been a resident of the state for four years preceeding the election as required by the Constitution, and the General Assembly decided he was not eligible. The office was not given to Massie nor does it appear he claimed it. Thomas Kirker, acting governor, continuing to discharge the duties of office until December 12, 1808, when Samuel Huntington of Trumbull County was inaugurated, having been elected in October of that year.

The second Constitutional Convention consisting of 108 members met May 6, 1850, at Columbus to adapt the original constitution to changing conditions.

July 13, 1855, Free Soilers, Whigs, Democrats and Americans opposed to the extension of slavery met at the Town Street Methodist Church in Columbus and held the first Republican Convention.

They nominated Salmon P. Chase as their candidate for governor and who was elected governor over the Democratic and Know-Nothing candidates. Reelected in 1857, he was instrumental in the legislature's acting to form a State Militia. He later became a United States Senator.

He was succeeded by William Dennison of Franklin County, first of the War governors. Ohio's response to President Lincoln's call for 75,000 of the militia of the several states was immediate. Only four days after the issuance of the call, the First and Second Regiments of



the Ohio Volunteers had been organized at Columbus and were on their way to Washington.

## Public Lands and the First Survey of Ohio

Ohio automatically became a state in November 1802 when Congress ratified the Constitution of the state government.

One of the terms of admission to the union was that all lands within the state's limits, except those previously granted or sold, should become the property of the United States. These exceptions were:

**Congress Lands** - so called because they were sold to purchasers by the officers of the Government.

**Connecticut Western Reserve** - King Charles II of England in 1662 having granted to the then colony of Connecticut a charter to these lands.

**United States Military Lands** - Lands granted June 1796 to satisfy certain claims by officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

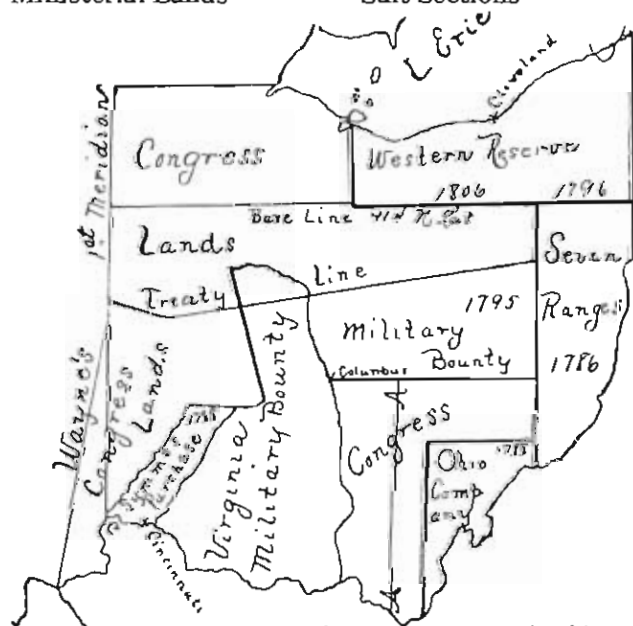
**Virginia Military Lands** - Granted to the State of Virginia to satisfy claims of her State Troops deployed on the continental line during the Revolutionary War and to settle a dispute over her original charter granted in 1609 by James I of England which seemingly gave her all lands west of the Ohio River and of the north and south breadth of Virginia.

**Ohio Company Purchase** - A tract purchased in 1787 by Mannasseh Cutler and Winthrop Sargeant, agents for this company in Massachusetts for settlement in Ohio.

**Symmes Purchase** - A tract of 311,682 acres sold to John Cleves Symmes in 1794 at sixty seven cents per acre.

In addition to these, other exceptions were:

Fire Lands	Donation Tract
Refugee Tracts	French Grants
Dohrman's Grant	Moravian Lands
Zane's Tracts	Maumee Road Lands
Turnpike Lands	College Townships
Ministerial Lands	Salt Sections



Map showing the first survey of Ohio  
(From page 134, Historical Collections of Ohio)

The seven ranges of townships are a portion of the first ranges of public lands ever surveyed by the general government west of the Ohio River. A line was run west over the hills of Columbiana and Carroll Counties a distance of forty miles. Although the Indian tribes had ceded Southern Ohio to the United States, they were bitterly opposed to survey and settlement by white people—so much so that troops were detailed from Fort Harmar for protection of the surveyors. Again in 1787 the survey was pushed more rapidly, but it was not until 1810 that the sections were closed up to the Western Reserve line.

The sale of lands in the seven ranges was so slow that there was no need for further surveys for several years. At two dollars per acre and in tracts of not less than a section of 640 acres, the western immigrants could do better in other parts of Ohio and Kentucky. The purchasers of the Symmes purchase paid sixty-seven cents an acre; the Western Reserve offered her lands at fifty cents an acre; and in the Virginia Military reservation lands were available on state warrants that were very cheap.

The only sales made were in New York in 1787 amounting to \$72,974; in Philadelphia, \$43,446; and in Pittsburgh, \$5,120. No further sales were made in the ranges until the land office was opened at Steubenville, July 1, 1801.

## Ohio's Tree, The Buckeye

Why is Ohio called the Buckeye State and its citizens, "Buckeyes?"

Many have said it must be because the buckeye tree grows only in Ohio; but the truth is, it is found both in Kentucky and Indiana, too, as well as in some places in West Virginia. But its natural habitat does seem to be Ohio, where in the earliest settlements it was found growing in great abundance.

The buckeye, whose Indian name was "Hetuck", meaning "the eye of the buck," was indeed a friend to the pioneers. Growing in the richest soil, it proved easiest to clear. When the first log cabins were hurriedly erected, the lightness and softness of its wood made it invaluable to the settlers because of the shortage of labor and tools. It was also, of all the trees of the forest, the one that best resisted the rifle bullets of the Indians.

When infant "Buckeyes" arrived, many were rocked in cradles made from this tree because cradles could so easily be made from it.

Sugar was unknown in this region, and residents relied on the sugar maple for sweetening. Here, also, the buckeye proved its usefulness. Not only did it grow side by side with the sugar maple, but it also furnished the best wood from which the evaporating troughs could be made.

Hats were made from its fibers; trays for pone and Johnny cake, the venison trencher, the noggin, the spoon and the white bowl for mush and milk were carved from its trunk.

The buckeye, because of its slow burning, was considered unfit for fuel. But it was used as a backlog for the cabin fires. When it was finally burnt it produced more alkali than any other wood. The bark, prepared properly, was said to be effective in the cure

of ague and fever; but, if improperly prepared, it proved to be a violent emetic.

In the absence of soap, the buckeye was an able substitute. The inner covering of the nut, when grated, was found to be soapy. When the powder was washed, large quantities of starch could be obtained, which, in case of famine, could be used as food. But the water used for this washing holds in solution a medicinal agent which, if swallowed, proves poisonous.

Of all the trees in the woods, none is so hard to kill as the buckeye. The deepest girdling does not kill it, and even after it is cut down and its logs are used to build cabins it will send out young branches—telling all the world that buckeyes are not easily conquered.

The abundance of the buckeye tree, the luxuriance of its foliage, its richly colored nuts, and its adaptability to the needs of the early settlers readily explain why we Ohioans are called "Buckeyes."

—Ray Hum

## Columbiana County

Columbiana County was formed from Jefferson and Washington counties on March 25, 1803. The name was apparently taken from the names "Columbus" and "Anna". The county was reduced in 1808, when Lake Township was added to Stark county and again in 1832 when the townships of Saline, Fox, Augusta, and East were added to the newly-formed Carroll County. A third reduction was made in 1846 when Mahoning County was formed and the townships of Beaver, Goshen, Green, Smith and Springfield were added to it.

The southern part is generally broken and hilly; the northern part level or undulating, making it an excellent agricultural tract. It is one of the best fruit and berry-producing areas.

It was once the greatest wool-producing county in Ohio, exceeded only by three or four in the Union, and by 1885 produced 862 pounds of it.

Settlement in the county began just before the beginning of the nineteenth century, when a few families moved across the Ohio and settled here. John Quinn is reported to have settled near Calcutta in 1792; another family named Carpenter settled near West Point. About one-third of the early pioneers were of German origin, and there were many of Scotch-Irish ancestry. By 1880 the county's population was 48,602, of which 34,905 were Ohio born; 1,344 Pennsylvania born; 3,711 English born; 852 Germans; 44 French; and 32 Scandinavians.

Yellow and Beaver creeks and other creeks furnished needed water power. (The renovated grist mill at Beaver Creek Park is a fine example of the early use of water power.) The first paper mill west of the Alleghenies was built in 1805-06 by John Beaver and John Coneter; the first grist mill by Joseph Fawcett on Carpenter's Run near East Liverpool; the first steam saw mill by Wilson, Tieter and Edwin Webb at New Albany in 1822; the first blast furnace by Gideon Hughes in New Lisbon in 1808; the first tannery, no doubt at the same place, by Dan Arter and Daniel Harbaugh about 1805; and a cotton factory by John Strawn and others.

The first steamboat for navigating the Ohio was

built in 1811, and its first voyage was from Pittsburgh to New Orleans.

Fisher A. Blockman was deputy postmaster at New Lisbon in 1812-13. There was one weekly horseback mail from Pittsburgh to New Lisbon via East Fairfield. Horace Daniels was the first carrier between Pittsburgh and New Lisbon. A stage line was in use by 1829—the Pittsburgh, Beaver, New Lisbon, Canton and Wooster line. Nearby offices were McClure's, Beaver, and Watson's, New Lisbon. Stages would travel this route three times a week, and arrangements could be made for daily travel between New Lisbon and Wellsville where steam boats could be taken to Pittsburgh, Steubenville and Wheeling. This was just the beginning, and soon there were many others crisscrossing the state. The one from Ashtabula to Wheeling, West Virginia, stopped at Columbiana, and many of the lines also stopped at New Lisbon.

Ferry rates were set by the Commission for Transportation over the Ohio River—each foot person, 6-¼ cents; man and horse, 12 cents; loaded wagon and team, \$1.00; four-wheeled carriage, empty wagon and team, 62-½ cents; loaded cart and team, 50 cents. For every horse, mule, or head of cattle, 6-¼ cents, and for every sheep or hog 3 cents.

The Sandy and Beaver Canal Company was incorporated by an act of the Assembly passed on January 11, 1826, and on November 24, 1834, work on the canal was begun at New Lisbon. The first boat arrived there from the east in October 1846. The path of the canal can still be traced over its original course, but time is gradually obliterating the evidence of what promised to be an important highway for traffic before the railroads came through.

On November 27, 1851, the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railroad was opened between Salem and Alliance and on January 3, 1852, cars ran through Columbiana to Pittsburgh. The Cleveland and Pittsburgh was opened between Wellsville and Cleveland in 1852 and between Wellsville and Pittsburgh in 1856; then in 1865 the Niles and New Lisbon opened for passengers and freight.

The first courts in Columbiana County were organized under the state constitution adopted November 20, 1802. The first term of the Supreme Court was held June 14, 1803, in Matthias Lower's log barn in Fairfield Township and the first session of the Court of Common Pleas took place there on July 26, 1803.

A special term of court was held at the public house of Christian Smith in New Lisbon on September 9, 1803, at which a sum of \$150 was appropriated to build a log court house and jail at New Lisbon. A new brick building with central dome and tapering spiral built by William Harbough and Peter Spiker for \$4,700 replaced this in 1811-1817. The third building, of stone, was erected in 1871 at a cost of more than \$107,000.

When the War of 1812 was declared, Captain Thomas Rowland raised a company of volunteers and marched to Detroit; soon after, they refused a demand to surrender and retreated and returned home. Five or six companies of drafted militia were furnished for defense of the frontier.

The county of Columbiana furnished for the War of the Rebellion her full proportion of soldiers, and the

record of their behavior in all emergencies is most honorable, as it has been in all wars since.

The most exciting Civil War event for the county was when the Confederate general John Hunt Morgan in July 1863 crossed the Ohio from Kentucky with troops and cavalry and marched westward across Ohio. Closely pursued by Union troops at Salineville, he encountered a federal force, under the command of General Shackleford with whom he had a sharp skirmish, but escaped with his forces in the direction of Summitville from where he was pursued into Wayne Township.

He made his last stand near the township line on the farm of David Burbick where he was captured by Captain Harvey Hibbetts, commanding a troop of home guards, and then turned over to General Shackleford. Imprisoned in the Ohio Penitentiary at Columbus, he escaped with six of his followers and boarded a train for Cincinnati. Near there, they jumped from the train, made their way to the Ohio River, crossed, and were soon within the Confederate lines. A year later Morgan was killed while on a raid in a little village in east Tennessee.

Although Morgan's raid into Ohio caused great alarm, beyond stealing all the horses within reach of his forces and foraging for food, it was not a serious affair.

—Ray Hum

1805—Joshua Dixon, with the help of surveyor William Heald, lays out the Village of Columbiana, which embraces fifty-eight lots on the southwest quarter of township section 4.

The lots are located along two sixty-foot-wide streets, Main and Cross (the present Park Ave.), which intersects in a public square.

The plat is acknowledged before Lewis King, a justice of the peace, and on August 22 is recorded in the records office in New Lisbon in Book A, page 11.

Many additions have been made to the original plat, the principal one being John Todd's on the south and Sturgeon's on the west. Other early additions from sections 3, 4 and 10 were added by Deemer, Stouffer and Lamb; Koch; Ziegler; W.E. and A. Sturgeon; Roninger; Stiver Brothers; William Nichols; Mary A. Todd; Betz; Snyder; Nichols and Allen; John Stiver; Joseph and William Wallace; Strickler; Rohrbach; Erwin; Vogelsson; Holloway; Bell; Allen; Nichols; and Harold.

Joshua Dixon had come to the area from Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in 1802, first settling at the crossroads of an Old Indian trail, now the intersection of Routes 14 and 7, which he names Dixonville. He later located on sections 3 and 4, building a cabin on the highest point; and still later built a brick dwelling where the Buzard property on North Main Street, now housing the Columbiana Women's Club, now is. At that time he purchased sections 3 and 4 from the United States Government.

1808—Michael Croxen builds a log tavern on the southwest corner of the Public Square and Main Cross Street (West Park Avenue). Also at about this time, Ganar Pierce, a blacksmith, locates in the end room of a log building on the northeast corner.

1809—The first post office is established in the home of John Dixon on the northeast corner of the Square

with mail coming from the East Fairfield post office on the stage coach route.

1812—A Reformed missionary from the east holds catechetical instructions in the log tavern on the Square.

Abraham Fox and Christian Streaby build a small brick building on the northeast corner of the Square, in which Jesse Allen and Benjamin Hanna open a business known as Jesse Allen and Co. They occupy this building until 1816 when Hanna retires from the firm. Mr. Allen subsequently builds a larger building, a brick structure, on the northwest corner of the Square. After operating there for many years, he sells his store to his brother-in-law, John E. Icenhour, and buys Hatcher's steam grist mill located about five miles east on 100 acres of land.

1814—In August, the School and Meeting House Society of Columbiana is organized to erect a building on a suitable site to meet the increasing demands of both church and school.

Christopher Hively puts up a log cabin on the northwest corner of Main Street and Mulberry Alley. Jacob Harmon built a log house on the southeast corner of Main Street and the Public Square.

1815—A house of hewed logs is built on the ground now occupied by the Grace Church by the School and Meeting House Society. In this building the first school is opened.

Michael Seachrist builds a log building this year on the southeast corner of Main Street and Mulberry Alley.

1818—Ab Batton and Isaac Baughman both build cabins on Main Street.

A meeting house is built on the east side of Elm Street, where for a time the Orthodox branch of Friends has its meetings. In commemoration, the street leading from Main Street to the west is called Friend Street.



The Friends Meeting House at the southeast corner of Elm and Friend Streets. (The street was named for the church.)

1820—Jacob Esterly builds a log building on the southeast corner of Main and Friend Streets. George Foust builds a log cabin on the northeast corner of Main Cross Street and the Square. Michael Croxen builds a log cabin on the southeast corner of Main Street and the Square. David Fox erects a log building on the southwest corner of Main and Friend Streets. David Bishop builds a log house on the northeast corner of Main and Strawberry Alley (Allen Avenue).

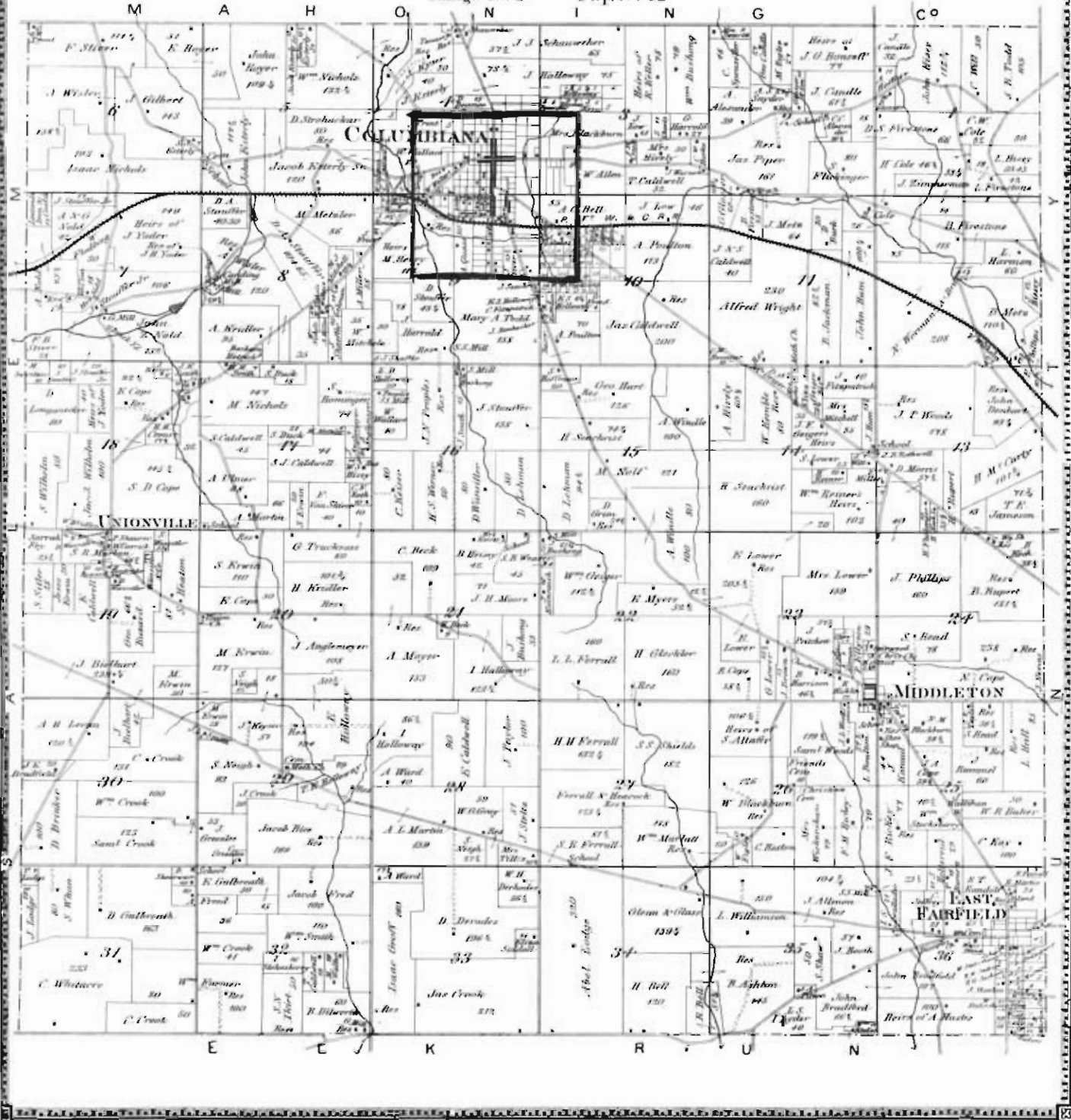


# FAIRFIELD

Scale 1 1/2 Inches to the Mile

Range No 2

Twp. No 12



Map showing Fairfield Township. (Page 21, Atlas of Columbiana County)

The census taken this year gives Columbiana a population of 243.

1822—Jonathan Rukenbrod erects a log cabin farthest north on the east side of Main Street. The School and Meeting House Society's building is torn down and a union church built of brick for the use of the Lutheran and Reformed congregations is completed and dedicated.

1824—Israel Bean puts up a log house on the southwest corner of Main and the Public Square.

1825—Thomas Dixon builds on the northwest corner of Main and Friend Streets. William Moody opens a general store in the building that had just been erected north of Jesse Allen's storeroom.

1827—George Fishbaugh builds a log house on the southeast corner of Main Street and Spring Alley. Samuel De Hoff puts up a log house on Main Street. Gotlieb Koocher builds on a lot north of the present Grace Church property.

1829—Samuel Fitzpatrick builds a house on the second lot south from the southwest corner of Main and Friend Streets. George De Hoff opens a general store on the west side of Main Street above the public square. Jacob Nold builds a water power grist mill two miles west.

1830—John Sturgeon locates here as a tavern keeper. He soon buys the Caleb Roller place on the Public Square. In 1849, following his death, his wife Elizabeth, takes charge and runs it until 1865. John Young opens a small drug store on the southwest corner of Main and Friend Streets. William Yates opens a general dry goods and grocery store - making three general stores in the village. John McClemens

operates a small grocery on the northwest corner of Main Street and Mulberry Alley. Samuel Brubacher begins manufacturing furniture.

1831—Isaac Keister builds a pottery shop and kiln and begins manufacturing plain earthenware; later he takes his son, David, as a partner and firm name becomes Isaac Keister and Son. Keister Pottery was widely known.

Samuel Huffman erects two buildings, one on Main Street and the other on the next lot south opposite Spring Alley.

Dr. Woodward sells his property on the corner of Main Street and Mulberry Alley to Jacob Hum, a hatter, son of Jacob Hum and his wife Elizabeth, who along with their three sons John, Jacob, and David migrated from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania and settled in Fairfield Township in 1806.

John Vogelsson, a shoemaker, locates here and becomes the community's first of that trade, remaining in the business twenty-five years.

1832—John E. Icenhour locates here and eventually becomes a partner of his brother-in-law, Jesse Allen, in the mercantile business under the firm name of Icenhour and Allen. Later they add a line of drugs, carriage trimmings, hardware, paints and oils. After selling his interest in the store to his partner, Icenhour bought and sold wool in large quantities.

John Sturgeon, the hotel keeper, operates a brick kiln on Union Street. John Fitzpatrick builds on the northeast corner of Main and Friend Streets. A Hicksite Friends Church is built.

On May 2, 1836, Daniel Wonsetler purchased from John Layman a farm in Fairfield Township Section 16.



Nold's Mill Section 7, on Beeson Mill Road. The foundation is still standing.



Home of John Vogelston on South Main Street -- later the Dick Fitzpatrick home.  
John and Edgar Vogelston are on the fence.

Four generations (John, Jonathan, Alvin, and Lloyd) and 140 years later it is still in the family, owned by Mrs. Erma Wonsetler.

The present house was built on the old log house basement and is the only one of the old buildings left. All the outbuildings were put up in 1946.

On the Wonsetler Farm is one of the two biggest of the four wells supplying the village of Columbiana with water. The Wonsetler well produces 325 gallons a minute, 12 hours a day, seven days a week, says Wayne McCamon, water works superintendent.

1833 — Emanuel Brubaker builds on a lot on the east side of Main Street. Conrad Sponseller begins a blacksmith business in a building on Main Street south of Mulberry Alley.

1834 — Jacob Beard, a cabinet maker and undertaker, locates in the village to make furniture and coffins. Daniel Stouffer locates here and begins his trade of making boots and shoes, the second to enter this field. Sheets and Holms start a stove foundry on the north side of the east end of Main and Cross Streets.

Dr. Moses Curry locates here, the first permanent physician to do so.



Home of the early John Fitzpatrick, now the site of the Country Corner Restaurant  
(at South Main and East Friend Street).

A frame meeting House is built for use by the Methodists as a church, and as a town hall when necessary.

1835—Mathias Rotzel, a weaver, makes coverlids at his home on North Main Street. Jacob Anglemeyer, also a North Main Street resident, makes spinning wheels. Henry Seachrist builds a residence and blacksmith shop on Main Street. John Hisey builds a house on the northeast corner of Elm and Cross Streets.

William Wallace goes into partnership with Jacob Beard under the name of Beard and Wallace, but after two years he withdraws, leaving Mr. Beard to carry on the business alone until the year 1862.

Samuel Nichols and Lot Holms open a general store in a building on the south east corner of Main Street and the Public Square. John Winch, a carriage maker, locates on West Cross Street and builds a house and a shop. Andy Whisler and Anthony Hardman open a general store on the northeast corner of Main Cross Street and the Public Square. William Potts locates here and opens a small grocery store on the southwest corner of Main Street and Mulberry Alley.

1836—Daniel Stouffer, a shoe maker, opens a general store and puts his brother, David, in charge of the shoe shop.

1837—The first election of village officers is held under the recently acquired charter of incorporation. Twenty-one votes are polled, and William Hickman is declared mayor.

Dr. George Metzger graduates from the University of Pennsylvania and, after a few months in Warrenton, Missouri, starts a practice here on the northwest corner of Main Street and Strawberry Alley. During the Civil War he served in a Cincinnati hospital as a surgeon.

Columbiana had the distinction of inaugurating one of the first free mail deliveries in the nation, ahead of even New York City.

The story is told that in the year of 1837 the postmaster, Jacob Hiner, was so cranky that he did not want the local populace coming to the postoffice in his home to get their mail. So he delivered the mail to their houses.

1838—The second village election is held, with Samuel Seachrist declared mayor.

James Woods locates here and begins his trade of blacksmithing on the east side of North Main Street. William Potts sells his grocery store to Christopher Hively. Mr. Potts then puts in a line of dry goods at his home on the north side of West Cross Street. Peter Kleckner, who was our first cooper, builds a house and cooper shop on West Cross Street. J. J. Schauwecker buys the Joseph McClunn tannery and farm from a Mr. Betz and begins the tanning of hides on a much larger scale north of Columbiana on the Canfield Road.

1839—John G. Young is elected mayor. Cross Street is changed to East and West Cross. John Young opens a drug store on Main Street.

1840—John Vogleson is elected mayor. A hook and ladder company is formed, composed of ten men whose oath is "We will fight fire and save property from that destructive element to the best of our ability". A brass band with 11 members is organized.

John Piert operates a brick yard on the east end of

East Cross Street. Abe Kridler is in the blacksmith business. Richard Davis marries Mrs. William Potts and buys Whistler and Hardman's general store.

Columbiana has 273 inhabitants.

1841—Jesse M. Allen builds a brick store room and dwelling combined on the northwest corner of West Cross Street and the Public Square.

1842—An agreement is made with the County Commissioners and the village charter is surrendered in an effort to curtail expenses.

1843—Joseph Wallace opens a general store on the northeast corner of East Cross Street and the Public Square.

1844—Joseph Wallace's entire block, including his dwelling, store room, and a large smoke house, burns down while he is taking a drove of horses to the Philadelphia market. The large smoke house was necessary because he took wagon loads of smoked meats to the Pittsburgh market. This was Columbiana's first large fire. Jacob Greenamyer, a clerk, saves a large amount of goods from the store room, buys these from Mr. Wallace and opens a store on the southeast corner of Main Street and the Public Square.

Enos Woods buys his brother's blacksmith shop on Main Street and, building a foundry, makes the first steam engines to be manufactured in the village. J. J. Schauwecker buys one of these to add steam power to the bark mill department of his tannery.

1845—Joseph Wallace erects a building on the northeast corner of the Square and stocks a line of wool, flaxseed, clover seed and grains of all kinds. Jacob Flickinger starts a carriage-making business on the north side of East Cross Street; a Mr. Woodruff opens a tailoring establishment.

Reuben and Joseph Strickler build a small shop on Main Street and begin the manufacture of mortising machines, peddling them over the country in a one-horse wagon. Reuben invented another machine known as the Strickler Boring Machine. To make this machine they needed an iron planer, and not having finances to buy one, Reuben made the patterns and made one. The demand becomes so great for their goods that they build a good-sized machine shop and foundry on the south side of Railroad Street. This firm manufactures portable cider mills and presses, grain drills, portable sawing machines, and sulky hay rakes besides their boring mill. Their brother, Noah, comes into the firm and they do a thriving business.

1846—Simon Roninger and his brother, George, to Columbiana from Chester County, Pennsylvania. Simon becomes an apprentice to John Winch, learning the carriage-making trade, and marries Caroline Sponseller.

The frame school building on Elm Street is torn down, and immediate preparation is made to erect a larger one, a one-story, two-room structure.

1847—A Mr. Skinner locates in a building on the southeast corner of Main Street and the Public Square.

1848—Mrs. Sallie Boyer locates in a building on the north side of East Cross Street where she sells homemade candies and great sheets of home-baked ginger bread. She becomes the first person in the village to offer roses and many other rare plants for sale.



1850—Edward Piert owns and operates two brick yards, one on East Cross Street and one to the east of Fairfield Avenue.

Lewis (Squire) Wallace, our first home missionary, makes religious speeches in Morgan Freed's blacksmith shop.

1851—Dr. John S. Metzger, a graduate of the University of Maryland, comes to Columbiana to assist his brother, Dr. George, in the practice of medicine.

The Rev. Harry Kurtz begins publication of the "Gospel Visitor", devoted to the interests of the Dunkards, of which he was a member.

David Havil builds a blacksmith shop on the northwest corner of West Alley; and a Mr. Wolf, a tin and copper smith, locates a shop on the west side of Main Street. Anthony Warner puts up the "City Mills" on the present site of the Columbiana Milling Co.

1852—The Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railroad was opened through the township for passenger and freight transportation, and Columbiana is one of the stops. Aaron Pile becomes the first station agent here.



Main Street crossing watchman Wallace McElroy.

George Lamb and Henry Hephner start a tailoring firm about this time, and Richard Davis locates in a frame building on Main Street north of Spring Alley and opens a general store. John Vogelson and Joseph Wallace build a warehouse located on Elm Street near the P. F. W. and C. Railroad, dealing in general produce.

1853—David Havil accepts Lafayette Stuckman as partner in the blacksmith business. They buy a large building and move it onto Mr. Havil's lot on West Cross Street. Isaac Esterly opens a dry goods and grocery store on the corner of Main and Railroad Streets. Glosser and Holloway open a hardware store on the southeast corner of Main Street and the public Square. Samuel Brubaker sells his cabinet shop to his

son, Lorenzo. Henry Blecher opens a confectionary store in his home on Main Street.

1854—The Union Line Express Company begins business along the P. F. W. and C. Railroad. Their first waybill from Columbiana reads as follows: "4 Pkg. 665 pounds Shipped by Icenhour and Allen to Wick and Candless, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania." Valentine Hinkle opens a restaurant in a building on the east side of Main Street. George Webb of Greenford buys a large Daguerrotype wagon and begins making pictures here, the first man in the state to do so.

1855—Moses Coblentz and David Sprinkle open a general store, but David Sprinkle sells his interest to Amos Sprinkle, the firm name remaining Coblentz & Sprinkle.

Henry Blecker dies and his wife, Jane, known as Granny Blecker, carries on the confectionary business.

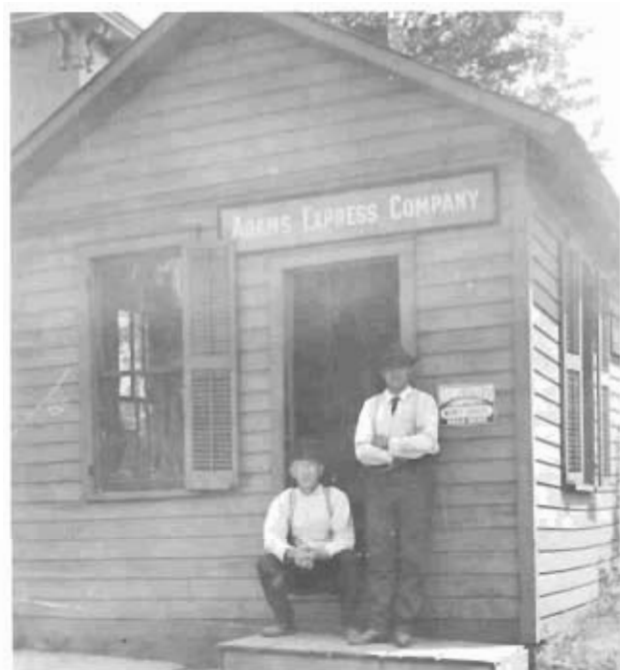
On August 1, Allen Lodge No. 276, F. and A. M., is chartered.

Simon Roninger builds a carriage shop of his own on West Cross Street.

1856—The Union Line Express Company is succeeded by the Adams Express Company.

In April, the area is visited by a terrific storm. In only a few hours, houses are unroofed, moved from their foundations or completely overturned; orchards are lowered to the ground, great trees are uprooted, and the following rain causes dams and bridges to be washed away. The newly laid tracks of the P. F. W. and C. Railroad are severely damaged and in some places washed from their foundations.

John D. King, attorney-at-law, locates here.



Adams Express office: "Tobe" Glosser sitting in doorway

Before the grading and improving of Main Street, it was a continuation of hillocks from the railroad to the Public Square. For the convenience of Pedestrians, steps were constructed where necessary as late as 1856. Twelve steps were known to have existed between the railroad and the Square.

For more than fourteen years the village had been unincorporated, and on June 9, 1856, the County Commissioners grant a new charter.

1857—George Lamb is elected mayor with 48 votes polled.

A. C. Bell Sr. succeeds Aaron Pile as station agent of the P. F. W. and C. Railroad, and his son, A. C. Bell Jr., operates a telegraph office at the station.

The office of "The Gospel Visitor," which is published in both English and German, is moved from the Kurtz farm to the northeast corner of Main Street and the Public Square.

1858—School District No. 2 is organized in June under the act of March 14, 1853, as a special district with Michael Henry, David Woods and Jacob Greenamyer on the Board of Education.

George Freed starts a marble works on South Main Street with George Frasier as marble cutter. The Union Line Express Company succeeds the Adams Express Company at the Icenbour and Allen office June 19.

A newspaper called "The Telegraph" starts publishing but closes the same year. On September 1, C. H. M. Beecher begins publishing "The Ledger" and continues for three years.

1859—George Roninger becomes the partner of his brother, Simon, under the name Roninger Brothers; and the two begin the manufacture of wagons on a large scale.

A new Methodist Episcopal Church is built at the corner of Main and Pittsburgh Streets. John Deemer is the operator of the brick yard west of town which makes the brick used in the church's construction.

On the morning of June 5, 1859, a Sunday, the people awoke to find that during the night a frost had come, of such magnitude that every tender vegetable sprout had been blackened and destroyed, and the wheat crop was completely ruined.

Corn was replanted, and buckwheat—a quick-maturing cereal which would ripen before the close of harvest—was planted on the wheat lands. The pioneers, with hope and courage, lived through the disaster.

1860—An ordinance is passed organizing the Columbiana Fire Company, and a resolution provides for the purchase of a Lafayette fire engine. Jacob Renkenberger's barn is used as a storage place for the engine.

The town acquires the deed for the old Methodist Church for \$1, including land fronting Petersburg Street (East Park Avenue) extending far enough south to include the building, reserving a right-of-way for the burying ground at the rear. The building is to be used as a town hall and for public preaching for all Christian denominations.

The one-story brick school house built in 1846 on the northeast corner of Elm and Cross Streets burns to the ground. Council, on the advisement of Mayor T. C. Allen, changes the name of Cross Street, which crosses Main at the Public Square, to East and West Streets.

Robert Close locates on Pittsburgh Street and makes brooms for general use. E. F. Wolfgang comes here from Maryland and begins a milling business in John Nold's grist mill about two miles west of town.

1861—An ordinance is passed requiring all able-bodied males 21 to 50 years old to perform each year two days of labor on the streets, alleys, and public roads of the village. Streets from this time on are to be of brick or cobblestone, and sidewalks are to be of planks five feet wide, of oak or pine.



The paving of South Main Street near the Railroad Street intersection looking north. The Icenhour warehouse is on the right.

Mrs. C. A. Haas teaches school in a room on the second floor of a building owned by William Wallace on West Street. She is later to teach in the Hicksite Church and in the basement of the Grace Reformed Church. Ground is broken on the northwest corner of Pittsburgh and Elm Streets for the new school building.

Ephraim Holloway, a carpenter, son of John and Lydia Dixon Holloway, enlists as a private in Company F, 41st Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; he is advanced again and again until he reaches the rank of Colonel and is recommended for promotion to Brigadier General of Volunteers.

1862—The town hall is rented for school purposes during the winter months for \$5 a month. The town purchases two Phoenix stoves to heat the hall for \$8 each. A coal house is built. The hall is swept and lighted for 15 cents a night. A tax of three-quarters of a mill on the dollar is exacted for corporation purposes. The Temperance Association is granted the right to use the town hall as a meeting place for 50 cents a night.

Columbiana is aroused by the Civil War news crowding the newspaper columns everywhere. Captain Higgins' company has been formed, and a regiment which includes "C" Company has organized at Camp Chase near Columbus. The regiment has proceeded to Cheat Mountain, Va., arriving there August 14, 1861. Already two dead bodies have been shipped to Columbiana by rail. Men are enlisting everywhere and Captain Abdiel Sturgeon's Company "H" joins the 115th Regiment and is mustered into the United States' service on September 18.

Work begins on the new school building.

1863—Corporal Jesse T. Barrick, a Columbianan who serves with the 3rd Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, is awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for action in Tennessee between May 26 and June 2. While on a scouting mission, Barrick captured two desperate Confederate guerilla officers who were together and well armed.

1864—John Sturgeon opens a dry goods business on the southwest corner of Main Street and the Public Square. A political meeting and ox roast is held in H. H. Beck's grove west of town, Columbiana's first such event.

1865—On April 16, a memorial service is held in the Methodist Church at the same time Abraham Lincoln's funeral service is conducted in Springfield, Ill. Reverend Johnson, a Presbyterian minister from Salem gives the funeral address.

John Vogelson and his son, George, start a retail business; George tends the store and his father makes shoes. William Brenneman opens a cooper shop on Railroad Street and makes baskets, barrels, butter firkins, and tubs.

An ordinance is passed making it unlawful for anyone to deface walls or otherwise vandalize school property. Another levies a fine of 50 cents per animal on owners of animals found running at large in the village.

1866—W. W. Wallace of Pittsburgh buys the factory owned by the Strickler Brothers and begins the manufacture of a self-discharging hay rake. Jacob and John Flickinger, operating as Flickinger and Son, begin the manufacture of furniture and coffins in a shop on the north side of East Park Avenue. Noah Strickler and Henry Snapp begin making boots and shoes under the name of Strickler and Snapp.

1867—An ordinance is passed providing for the purchase of ground for a cemetery; J. A. O'Rourke, W. Sturgeon, and J. Fitzpatrick are appointed directors of the cemetery grounds.

George Buzard and Henry Smith purchase the stock and trade of Coblentz and Sprinkle and open a general store under the name of Buzard and Smith. Sometime after this, they sell their store to F. P. Farrond who continues the business opposite the Methodist Church. Peter Frason locates here, buying the stock of Strickler and Snapp.

Joseph and Noah Strickler opens a grocery store as J. and N. Strickler. Jacob F. Staley locates on Pittsburgh Street with Samuel Brubaker and begins making furniture. Samuel Lindsay operates a brick kiln in a field north of town.

1868—An ordinance is passed providing for paying a man to light up all street lamps and putting them out in the morning. The Lutheran congregation is given the right to hold meetings in the town hall for six months.

Dr. Abraham S. Sampsell begins the practice of medicine. Pandora Lodge No. 410, I. O. O. F. is organized with twenty members. On March 1, E. S. Holloway is appointed superintendent of the Enterprise Agricultural works.

1869—Plank walks in the village are from this time on to be replaced with brick or stone.

An ordinance is passed prohibiting the peddling of meat in Columbiana. Meat handlers must secure a

permit from the village for \$25 a year. Other ordinances provide for the following: forbidding boys to roll hoops on Main and Lisbon Streets; constructing a walk to the cemetery grounds; making it unlawful to maintain a place of business for "tippling or intemperance".

A cider mill is operated just west of town on the Lisbon Road by Joseph Fries. Dr. James Barclay, a dentist, opens dental parlors on the Square. The Columbiana County Pioneer and Historical Association is organized in June and meets here in September.

1870—Buzard and Smith sell their stock and trade to Cope and Erwin. Later Cope sells his share to his partner and the business continues as Jesse Erwin until 1883, when he sells his stock and salesroom property to Leonard Holloway. John Vogleson and Jesse Erwin enter the lumber business on Railroad Street under the firm name of Erwin and Vogleson. The first hardware store is opened in a room on North Main Street.

W. W. Wallace builds an overhead bridge connecting his two plants on Railroad and Elm Streets, adding farm machinery, stoves and ranges to his output. Jacob Greenamyre builds the Sturgeon Hotel. Jacob Hum carries mail from the depot to the post office.

The Independent Register begins a newspaper, continuing for seven years, under the following: J. M. Hutton, E. S. Holloway, J. B. Powell, Ab Sturgeon, J. Esterly, W. R. Knowles, George Duncan, F. M. Atterholt, Noah Nold, J. W. Holloway, Orland Holloway, John Flaughner, Harvey Garrett, and Elmer Firestone.

1871—The first savings bank in Columbiana is opened in January on the northwest corner of Main Street and the Public Square by J. H. Hollins and William Kemble. In April Jacob Shamber locates on Railroad Street and builds a cooper shop. Ephraim Holloway buys a half interest in the Independent Register and takes editorial charge of the paper.

1872—An ordinance is passed providing for the appointment of a fire marshal to take charge and keep in repair the hand fire engine and its apparatus, consisting of hooks, ladders, and huckets. There is a cistern for storing water for fire fighting at the Square, and others at the homes of John Beard and Daniel Stouffer.

Reuben Strickler opens a general grocery and provision store. He is the first in town to introduce the sale of celery. Henry Beck purchases the property of Joseph Fries and puts in a steam-powered "Boomer" apple cider press instead of the horse-power press previously used. Mrs. F. F. Garrett opens a millinery shop on the east side of Main Street and Samuel Harrold begins blacksmithing on Lisbon Street.

1873—An ordinance is passed changing the name of the street running east and west from the Square, known at various times as Potter, Petersburg, Main Cross, and East, to Park Avenue.

Dr. A. L. King, a graduate of Cincinnati Medical College, locates here. A. H. Phillips opens a hotel on the southwest corner of Main and Union Streets known as the Phillips House. Wendell Kratz, a weaver living just north of town, is weaving coverlets.

The Honorable E. S. Holloway is elected

representative in the state legislature and re-elected in 1875.

1874—William Flickinger is appointed fire marshal. Leroy Wilt is disallowed the sum of \$200 for the loss of his horse due to the horse falling in an alley. Council meetings are set for the first Monday of each month. An ordinance is passed making it unlawful to throw firecrackers. Jesse Icenhour is fined October 5 on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Dr. Daniel Deemer settles in Columbiana as a physician; Dr. Enos Greenamyer also begins practicing medicine here. Fredrick Blecker starts a photography studio in Granny Blecker's building. Miss Allie Slavern, a music teacher, begins teaching music in a room in the Phillips House. William Deemer and Simon Sprinkle open a hardware store. John Koch operates a harness shop on the southwest corner of Fairfield Avenue and the railroad. Harvey Tullis and Son have a marble works on Union Street.

1875—The misplaced charter of the town is "found", and framed and placed in the mayor's office. An ordinance is drawn up to annex all territory in sub school district No. 2 of Fairfield Township not now within the corporation limits.

J. J. Johnson builds a foundry on the north side of the P. F. W. and C. railroad tracks and South Elm Street and begins experimenting on turning iron to steel. Several years later he finds a way of doing this and local blacksmiths say that steel produced his way is equal to any Norway steel produced. It is rumored that a group of businessmen from Pittsburgh have offered him \$400,000 for his secret which he refuses, and upon his death the secret dies with him. In the early '80's he experiments with making artificial gas from crude petroleum. He becomes associated with a small corporation which freezes him out, and it is reported that this corporation later improves the process at another location and that a part of Boston is eventually illuminated with gas made by this process.

J. B. Thompson, homeopathic physician, locates here. The first bank opened by Hollis and Kemble is succeeded on June 1 by Jonathan Esterly, Abraham Esterly and Augustine Windle under the name of J. Esterly and Company. Daniel Basler locates on the west side of Middle Street and starts a blacksmithing business, ironing and repairing buggies and wagons.

Leonard Holloway and Aaron Overholt buy the general store of Jonathan Esterly. Mr. Holloway later buys Overholt's half interest.

1876—Council instructs the marshal to leave alternate lamps on Main Street burning all night. J. Greenamyer, George Strickler, J. Erwin, Jonathan Esterly and J. E. Icenhour are elected to the Board of Health. A well is made in the circle on the cemetery grounds.

A petition is signed by 95 citizens to levy a tax to purchase a fire engine. Three mills on the dollar are voted on May 8. Four dozen buckets are purchased for the fire department. The Lafayette Fire Company is disbanded December 11.

A. C. Bell is elected mayor and institutes many improvements, including the establishment of the light and water plant. He becomes the railroad agent at the death of his father in 1880. On the night of the capture of the Confederate raider John Morgan it was he who, as telegraph operator, was kept busy at the

key without sleep from Saturday evening until the following Monday.

Greenamyer and Callahan start in the hardware business. Arnold Brothers begin publishing the Columbiana Free Press, moving to Leetonia two years later.

On the Fourth of July in 1876 the folks in Columbiana celebrated the centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Al Bushong, the Indian Chief, and his Ku Klux Klan band gathered in Todd's Woods along the south corporation line and led the parade of men, women and children marching or riding horseback or Conestoga wagons.

The parade came to a halt on Elm Street long enough for the removal of the great bronze eagle on the apex of the Goddess of Liberty float (Miss Elizabeth Bell was the Goddess of Liberty) so that the procession could pass under the overhead bridge of the W. W. Wallace Machine Shop.

They proceeded to Kyser's Grove, a beautiful spot northwest of the corporation limit.

After dinner at the grove, speeches were made, then everyone gathered at the Public Square in the afternoon for sack races, balloon ascensions, and other such pastimes.

Joseph Himer climbed a greased pole and got a \$5 bill that had been pinned to the top

1877—The Valley Forge Machine Shop is built by brothers Adam, Aaron, and Sylvester Harrold for general repair work. Later it is known as A. Harrold & Brothers, and still later it is enlarged and continued as J. Harrold & Son. David Slotter opens a book and stationery store. E. S. Holloway is admitted to the bar in Columbus and begins practicing law here in November.

W. W. Wallace's manufacturing plant, the overhead bridge to the foundry, paint shop, enameling room and office are completely destroyed by fire.

Joseph Conley opens a drug store. Jacob Flickinger and sons Isaiah and Eli buy Culp's interest in Flickinger and Culp's furniture factory, erect a two-story building and continue the making of furniture.

1878—Council looks into purchasing hand fire engines. O. N. and Fred Gaylord, brothers, buy the stock of John Sturgeon and start in the dry goods business under the name of Gaylord and Gaylord. J. B. Williams, a maker of boots and shoes, locates here in July. George Esterly and J. M. Williams open a tailor shop known as Esterly and Williams. C. F. Wolfgang opens the first gun and sewing machine repair shop.

1879—A coat and hat rack and benches are placed in the mayor's office after a resolution to that end.

A controversy ensues on the question of hand fire engines vs. a steam engine. Finally, a crane neck-style fire engine with two streams, including the engine, cart and hose, is ordered for \$1,520 from Rumsey & Company of Seneca Falls, N. Y. Plans are drawn up for a new fire station, and a new fire company, "Hope Fire Company," is organized in June. Ground for the new fire station is leased from Grace Church. The old Lafayette fire engine is put up for sale at public auction in August, but there are no takers. The old engine house goes for \$15.10 and hose goes for \$5.50.



George Strickler and John Patterson buy the Reuben Strickler store, continuing the business for a short time as Patterson and Strickler. Joseph Conley accepts Dr. A. L. King as a partner in his drug store. Reuben Strickler starts selling farm implements and machinery. S. W. Tidd starts out in the jewelry business with a \$90 stock.

1880—An ordinance is passed providing for the removal of visible graves from other locations within the village to the Columbiana Cemetery. A cistern for fire purposes is constructed on Friend Street on the engine house lot, and a pump is placed in the cistern.

In February A. C. Bell becomes the P. F. W. and C. railroad agent in Columbiana. During the month of May, the Rev. Mr. Shillinger teaches German in Room 2 of the school building. H. H. Smith opens a general store in the building on the northeast corner of East Park Avenue and the Public Square.

1881—Charles Ink purchases Dr. A. L. King's interest in Conley's drug store. A year or two later Conley sells his interest to Mr. Ink and leaves town.

1882—The Columbiana Pump and Machine Company, begun by Daniel and George Strickler, is located on the south side of the east end of Railroad Street.



Columbiana  
High School  
in 1881



Columbiana High School in 1931

1883—Leonard Holloway takes Jacob Yoder and W. T. Holloway and his son as partners in his retail operation. They purchase a large storeroom at the corner of Main and Friend Streets, and move to these quarters as Holloway, Yoder & Co.

1884—The banking firm of Shilling & Co. composed of S. S. Shilling, Mrs. Caroline Deemer and David Strohaker open a bank. David S. Devere opens a

dyeing factory on North Main Street, but closes after a few months.

Hope Fire Company is organized July 18, with 24 members. Isaiah Flickinger is president.

1885—Simon, Amos and Elmer Harrold, along with Jacob Detwiler, buy the I. Harrold and Sons Machine Shop, which is continued under the name of Enterprise Manufacturing Company, and begin the manufacture of saw mills and engines. Later Elmer Harrold withdraws from the firm. By 1894 sales have increased so much that they purchase land on the southwest corner of Fairfield Avenue and the railroad and put up a brick structure of about 60 x 180 feet. In 1889 Amos Harrold withdraws from the firm, leaving Jacob Detwiler and heirs of Simon Harrold to continue the business. In 1908 the factory is enlarged again, taking in an entire block. The plant contains about 50,000 square feet and employs 60 to 100 men, manufacturing horse road rollers, portable and stationery engines, saw mills, and saw mill machinery.

On September 19 the first free street fair is held in Columbiana with A. C. Bell, president; J. W. Detwiler, vice president; E. S. Holloway, secretary, and Bertram Renkenberger, treasurer. This was carried on for several years; when it was decided to give it up, Henry H. Smith took over and for about twenty years conducted it as Smith Pumpkin Show.

1886—J. Scott White opens a coal yard on the north side of the railroad west of the depot.

1887—A stock company is formed to take over the Columbiana Pump Co. Charles Fredrick is president; Aaron Esterly, secretary; Henry Wining, shop foreman; Robert Martin, foundry foreman; and Daniel Strickler, chief pattern maker.

1888—A Bell telephone pay station is placed in the Patterson house, being moved two years later to John E. Allen's drug store.

1889—Tidd's Racket Store is started by Mrs. C. L. Tidd, moving twice to larger quarters to accommodate the increased demand for goods. Shilling and Co., bankers, are so successful they erect a two-story brick building on the east side of Main Street.

1890—On April 15, Chapter No. 2415 of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church is organized. On August 13, the Knights of Pythias is organized. Park Warner opens a shoe store which lasts about two years.

The Ledger is established and operated by George McLaughlin, Arthur Edgerton (1894), Newell and Shingler (1895), H. O. Newell (1900), Jeffery Bros. (1920), Ledger Publishing (1921), John C. Jolly (1923), Columbiana Publishing Company (1926), C. W. Griswold (1928), and Wayne Paulson (1952). "The New Moon", a monthly, begins publication by Ira D. Slotter (1890-1893), and is continued by C. E. Wolfgang (1894), and Wilson Edgerton (1896). In 1898 Edgerton begins publishing "The Independent" and in 1901 C. P. Moreland joins him; in 1903 he sells to G. E. Koch who later that year sells out to Newell and Shingler.

1891—Isaiah Flickinger is selling fine granite and marble tombstones and Berea flagstones for walks.

The N. M. Fuhrman Carriage Works moves to a Railroad Street location and builds a three-story building, 100 feet by 40 feet. On the ground floor is the



The Fuhrman Carriage shop on Pittsburgh Street.

smithing department, while above are the woodwork and trimming departments. In another three-story building, 240 x 40 feet, is the finishing and erecting department. It becomes the largest individual carriage works in the state of Ohio.

Fire destroys the Flickinger and Sons furniture factory. They never rebuild.

1892—On March 7, George Douglas, a railroad watchman, is placed at the Elm Street Crossing of the P. F. W. and C. Railroad.

The local Bell Telephone exchange has 25 subscribers.

1894—W. L. Augustine purchases the book and stationery store of David Slotter. Barns on Walnut Alley are burned by straw being ignited when a kicking cow overturns a kerosene oil lantern.

On March 28, Coxey's "Commonweal" Army reaches this town on its way to Washington, D.C., numbering 150 men. They are fed here and recruit 25 more men.

On November 3, voters approve a bond to be used for construction of a water works to replace the cisterns and wells.

# THIRTIETH Annual Commencement — OF THE — COLUMBIANA HIGH SCHOOL

Groner's Opera House, Columbiana, Ohio,

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 31, '95.

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1895—Simon Harrold is given a contract to install water lines in the village and dig a large cistern. He starts work this year with Henry Reinehr as foreman. Walter Korrich, Frank Snauffer, Harry Early, John Shillinger, Jake Hum, Henry Early, and William Barr are laborers paid \$1.25 a day. The water works and electric light plant is completed, the town being bonded for \$38,000. On November 30 at 7 p.m. Mayor A. C. Bell pushes the button and 35 arc street lights are activated.

The Alcyone Club is organized, its purpose being to provide reading and lounging rooms for the young men of the town. It lasts two years before disbanding. J. H. Watts of Pittsburgh, Pa., purchases the Frederick and Sons shoe store.

Work is begun on two fruit houses. Mr. Lower's, located on Railroad Street, is of tile block. Mr. Entrikin's, of frame, is built on the north side of Strawberry Alley.

On June 18 gates are installed on the Main Street crossing of the railroad. John Holsapfel is gatesman.

G. G. Chamberlain and H. H. Snapp purchase Noah Strickler's stock of groceries.

On July 28, Miss Ella Hahn of Canton organizes a Women's Foreign Missionary Society in the Methodist Church. Officers are Mrs. J. T. Morton, Mrs. W. R. Butcher, Mrs. George Bare, Mrs. A. Overholt, Mrs. D. S. Devere, Mrs. Mattie Turkle and Mrs. M. A. Todd.

Martin Griffith of Irondale purchases E. I. Roninger's furniture store. On September 1, Dr. W. D. Holloway removes his dental parlors to Philadelphia.

Jacob Yoder opens a feed store on Friend Street, dealing also in building materials.

In January the Columbiana Boiler Company is established by Amos and Simon Harrold, Jacob Detwiler, and John Barrow to make boilers for the Enterprise Company's use in building their steam road rollers and traction engines. Other work demands cause them to increase the size of the shop until they employ 80 men. Five years later they are incorporated by Simon and Charles I. Harrold, Jacob Detwiler, Edwin Detwiler, and John Barrow.

Leonard Holloway dies and Jacob Yoder sells his interest in Holloway, Yoder & Co. to W. T. Holloway who conducts the business for many years.

1896—On April 6 the first water works and electric light trustees are elected. They are E. F. Wolfgang, president; W. J. Holloway, secretary; and Frank Bell, superintendent. On July 27 the Columbiana Board of Trade is organized with N. M. Fuhrman president; T. J. Mason, first vice president; W. R. Knowles, second vice president; H. O. Newell, secretary; and J. G. Beatty, treasurer. Directors were C. E. Ink, A. Greenmyer, J. A. Lenville, Amos Harrold, Solomon Culp, H. G. Bye, Charles Fredrick, Amos Ziegler, W. T. Holloway, and A. C. Bell.



Decoration Day Parade, May 30, 1896

J. N. Yoder establishes a tile and brick business.

J. Esterly, president of the leading bank here, dies. On December 1 the J. Esterly & Co bank liquidates its assets. The receiver settles up the affairs and about eight years later the creditors received 33% of their claims. Because of the new water system, Hope Fire Company is reorganized and becomes Independent Hose Company No. 1 of Columbiana.

Mr. Shillings's trying to bridge the difficult financial condition of the Columbiana Handle Work Company results in the Shilling Banking enterprise going to ruin, depositors receiving 20 percent in the settlement.

After remaining idle for five years, due to the advance of the automobile industry, the N. M. Fuhrman Carriage works is bought by I. M. Kays who has the building removed.

1897—During the financial crisis in the spring an organization is formed in the J. B. Caughey veterinary surgeon's office with about thirty members, called "The Labor Exchange." The members can bring buggies, wagons, horses, and anything, like quantities of brooms, manufactured by themselves for the organization and they would be exchanged with any similar organization which exists in the United States. They issue scrip money with which they pay bills. This lasts about a year. The officers are J. J. Harrold, president; J. B. Caughey, secretary; Jacob Zimmer, manager; and Samuel Zellers, accountant.

For a few weeks H. C. Welch operates the Patterson house. Harry Todd becomes baggage agent at the railroad. Irvin Rauch of Leetonia purchases a half interest in Peter Frason's boot and shoe store. Upon the death of Mr. Frason, Mr. Rauch buys his interest and continues the business under the name of I. S. Rauch Shoe Store.

M. C. Harrison and T. E. Long of Pittsburgh purchase the Columbiana Pump and Machine Company's plant and start operation August 23. It then becomes known as The Columbiana Pump Co. Brentzel & Swanson operate a plumbing shop for about two years.

1898—Snapp and Son enter the grocery business. D. E. Candel & Co. opens a furniture store. Two years later the store is destroyed by fire, and Mr. Candel quits the business. William Culp and Robert Martin form a partnership in the blacksmith business on Park Avenue. Two months later they dissolve.

1899—Dr. John J. Looney locates here and practices medicine until his death a few years later. Ike Handlesman runs a gent's clothing house. The Columbiana County Independent Telephone Co. begins erecting poles in the county. The first pole place is at the corner of Main and Friend Streets. Chris Kuegle purchases J. J. Green's furniture store.

1900—Columbiana has 1,339 residents, a gain of 227 from 1890. A. C. Yengling and thirteen members of Trescott Post, G. A. R., of Salem assist in remustering the James A. Garfield Post in Columbiana with the following officers: Peter Bushong, J. D.



A 60-foot white oak log on its way to England to be used as a boat keel, 1889.

At left, A. W. Harrold, Hillman. On horses, Sam Harrold, Joe Harrold.

Holloway, John J. Beatty, Joseph Hisey, H. C. Early, David Havi, John A. Todd, Thomas Candel, and J. I. Sample. On March 19 curfew begins. Milo S. Rau and C. Fred Staley buy the Snapp and Sons Grocery.

M. C. Harrison sells his interest in the Columbiana Pump Company to J. V. Stewart who, with T. E. Long, continues the business here. Seven years later they erect a fine brick foundry, 80 x 100 feet. Three years after that they erect a brick L-shaped machine shop which is a two-story 50 x 200 foot building with basement. This is heated winters and the machinery is gas engine drive.

Dr. Harry Bookwalter locates in Columbiana on July 1 of this year. He is a graduate of Western Reserve Medical School and holds a degree in pharmacy from Ohio Northern.



Dr. Harry Bookwalter in 1941 at his office at 23 East Park Avenue. The original office was on the Square where the Log House now stands. As mayor of Columbiana Dr. Bookwalter instituted the first sewage system. His son, Dr. Lee, practices here and a grandson, John, is now practicing in Brattleboro, Vermont.

1901—Harvey Harrold forms a partnership with William Culp and begins business as a horseshoer and blacksmith. Eight years later, having discovered a process to harden and toughen steel, Mr. Harrold enters tool manufacturing on a small scale. Within eight years, because of the demand for his product, he builds larger quarters on the northeast corner of West Park Avenue and Walnut Alley.

On February 2, H. H. Smith and Sons Company is incorporated, consisting of H. H. Smith and his four sons, Charles E., William B., George A., and H. Edgar. They operate a department store on the southwest corner of Main Street and the Public Square. Upon his death eight years later, to close up the estate the various departments are sold.

The snow storm of April 20-21, 1901 was the worst ever experienced this late in the year in Columbiana. Between twenty inches and two feet were measured on the level.

W. H. Baker and J. C. Harrold dissolve partnership in the blacksmithing trade. The Columbiana Lumber Company dissolves partnership. Members of the company were Charles Holloway, J. B. Ziegler, C. S. Lehman, and C. V. Calvin. D. A. Heck, clothier, sells out at auction.

J. B. Fitzpatrick opens with a full line of buggies, surries, phaetons, and driving wagons on the east side

of Main Street, north of Railroad Street. S. S. Stewart locates here in September and starts a drug store. This store is sold to H. B. Law when Mr. Stewart becomes postmaster.



Isaac Culp of Columbiana, the first rural mail carrier in Columbiana County.

1902—On February 1st, rural free mail delivery is inaugurated here with Isaac Culp, James Mather, and A. S. Johnson as carriers.

On June 5th, E. F. Wolfgang, a civil engineer of Columbiana, and a crew of three men begin a preliminary survey of the prospective course of the Youngstown and Southern Railway. The promoters are John H. Ruhlman, Asa Jones, and the Long Brothers.

Rau and Staley sell their grocery store to Weller and Mowen Brothers.

The First National Bank opens here with John E. Allen, president, and N. M. Bassinger, cashier. Directors are C. M. Schmidt, W. Harry Schmidt, G. Ed Buzzard, J. E. Allen, Jacob Detwiler, J. V. Stewart, and N. M. Bassinger. Tidd and Harmon begin a jewelry business, dissolving the partnership after ten years.

Fifty Civil War veterans from the James A. Garfield Post here parade at Lisbon's centennial celebration along with about 1500 others.



Funeral carriage, 1903; John Marks Funeral Home: Elmer Sitler, driver.

1904 — The Womens Christian Temperance Union is organized in the Disciple Church with 24 charter members.

Weller and Mowen Brothers grocery is burned out February 7, opening again for business on March 18.

A big celebration is held on the arrival of the first Y & S train. The businessmen engage Thoman's Concert Band to give a concert here and then go to Ruhlman's Grove by train where they play all day Saturday, the fourth of July. Trains, whose motive power is steam, leave Park Avenue at 9, 11, 2, 5, and 8, the last returning at midnight.





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Columbiana      ....Ohio

1901		<i>March</i>					1901
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Full Moon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last Quarter 12 <sup>th</sup>	New Moon 19 <sup>th</sup>	First Quarter 26 <sup>th</sup>		1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30	

A Keller Hardware calendar.



The first train on the Y & S (Youngstown and Southern) tracks.

Jesse Green Jr., a dealer in all kinds of thoroughbred poultry, pheasants, fancy game, water fowl, and ornamental birds conducts his salesroom at his chicken farm on Cross Street. He furnishes the State Game Commissioners with game for propagation. He imports many scarce varieties of pheasants and black swans from Germany. The Ohio Pheasantry remains in operation for about six years.

Theodore Koch moves his grocery store to the Fredrick Block. Royal Conkey is in the hardware business. Harvey Rapp builds a machine shop on a lot east of Main Street and north of Duquesne Street in October and attends to the plumbing work in town. Natural gas is first piped into Columbiana.



#### EMPLOYEES OF THE ENTERPRISE FOUNDRY - 1905

Left to Right - Back Row: Wm. Fry, Jaggars Wright, Albert Tyson, John Kromer, Harve McFadden, Wm. Wilderson, Elmer Coyle, Fred Lindsay. Middle Row: Perry Miller, Sam Douglas, J. I. Sample. Front Row: John Bare, Park Kridler, Cassius Orr, M. L. McFadden, Frank Kyser, Harve Tullis, Ira Tullis, James Orr.

1905—Columbiana's Centennial is celebrated August 21, by the H. H. Smith and Sons annual pumpkin show. The Honorable Charles S. Speaker of Lisbon speaks on the early history of Columbiana and Fairfield Township to about 9,000 people. The

entertainment includes wheelbarrow, potato, egg, and girl races, and a baseball game between the Hazelton and Columbiana teams.

Smith Racket store puts up a building on the corner of Main Street and Spring Alley.



**COLUMBIANA ATHLETIC CLUB BASEBALL TEAM - 1905**

Left to Right - Back Row: Charles Harrold, Tom Cope, S. S. Stewart, John Troll, Clyde Hoover, Fred Lindsay. Back Row: Clarence Snyder, Harry Albright, Willis Shontz, James Johnson. Front Row: Joe Troll, Doc. Felger.

1906—The Columbiana Handle Works operates as a stock company until March at which time, due to the failure of the Shilling and Co. Bank, the stockholders, to protect themselves, appoint T. A. Renkenberger receiver. On August 24 the company is sold at a receiver's sale to F. H. Grove, C. V. Calvin, and T. A. Renkenberger, who operate for two years then incorporate. They manufacture tool handles, ornamental concrete work and planing mill work.

W. O. Wallace, attorney-at-law of East Palestine, locates here and begins practice November 1.

On May 15, the Columbiana Bank and Savings Co. begins business on the northwest corner of Main and Union Streets. J. R. Jeffries is president; C. S. Lehman, vice president; and E. P. Funkhouser, cashier. Directors are J. R. Jeffries, C. S. Lehman, John W. Detwiler, S. A. Random, W. J. Caldwell, Ira Seachrist, Royal Conkey, J. J. Quigley, D. R. Lehman, S. E. Houk, S. J. Heck, Isaiah Flickinger, I. T. Rohrer, M. H. Stooksberry, and Harry Bookwalter.

1907—About the first of September, the Columbiana Foundry erects a fine new brick building. This foundry is owned by the William Todd Company of Youngstown and turns out small castings.

On April 29 electricity becomes the motive power on the Y & S railroad. E. L. Flickinger is ticket agent. A. N. Tannhill is night agent. The sub-station is moved from North Lima to the south room of the depot here.

The first Glidden Tour of fifty cars passes through Columbiana going east, stopping at the Firestone Homestead for refreshments.



The first Glidden Tour passing through the Square (Main Street looking north).

A big fire destroys the Agnew Block at the northwest corner of South Main and West Friend streets containing the Wesley Burkhart residence, Hardy & Company Meat Market, and Agnew's Tailor Shop. W. L. Augustine's store next door, W. T. Holloway, and John Beard's are badly blistered. Fred Thoman's, Greenamyer's and William Basler's across the street are also damaged. Citizens furnish the firemen with coffee and sandwiches.

1908—In April, the Duquesne Manufacturing Co. is established by the Pittsburgh Dry Goods Co. They locate in a building which was once a part of the David Scott Hotel and was erected by the Board of Trade of Columbiana. It is a two-story brick structure and was built according to the needs of the company. A forty-

horsepower gas engine supplies power for the operation of 200 sewing machines. A large dynamo on the first floor supplies light on dark days and for overtime work, as well as for the electric cutting knife. R. S. Breckinridge is manager of the plant; W. E. Shinn is in charge of the cutting department. Mrs. R. A. Zeigler is forelady in the sewing room and Ray Culp is shipping clerk. The building later becomes a match factory, then a bowling alley, and now belongs to the Century Industries Corporation.

On October 8, Wells Fargo Express Company begins business at towns along the Y & S trolley lines; E. S. Flickinger is its first agent here.

The merchants take over the Street Fair and continue until after World War I when the American Legion takes over.



The Aeolian Quartette, between 1905 and 1910. Left to right, Harry Albright, Fred Lindsay, Fred Albright, and Frank (Hook) Kyser.

#### An Aeolian Quartette program.

##### Programme



"Onward March" ..... Geibel  
Quartette

Solo..... Selected  
Harvey Vanskiver

"The Owl and the Pussy Cat" ..... DeKoven  
Quartette

"The Battle Eve"..... Duet  
Messrs. Lodge and Sample

"Down in the Deep Let Me Sleep When I Die" ..... Petrie  
Quartette



Piano Solo ..... Selected  
Miss Hazel Zeiger

Solo—"Roll on Thou Dark and Deep Blue Ocean" ..... Petrie  
Fred Lodge

"There'll Come a Time" ..... Chas. K. Harris  
Quartette

Duet—"After the Fray" ..... Bouheur  
Messrs. Albright and Vanskiver

"The Lost Chord" ..... Sullivan  
Quartette



##### Personnel

H. C. Albright, 1st ..... Harvey Vanskiver, Baritone  
H. D. Sample, 2nd ..... Fred D. Lodge, Bass  
Hazel Zeiger, Pianist

**AEOLIAN QUARTETTE**  
COLUMBIANA, OHIO.

1909—William Lauten builds a small brass foundry, turning out brass mouldings for the Enterprise Mfg. Co. Dr. R. D. Morford and Edward Jackson rent the Krohmer House on the southwest corner lot of Main and the railroad, changing the name to Hotel Jackson and operating it for about two years.

On December 15 the Union Banking Company begins business by purchasing the good will and assets of both the First National Bank and the Columbiana Bank and Savings Company. J. V. Stewart is president; J. R. Jeffries, vice president; E. P. Funkhouser, cashier; V. C. Bassinger, assistant cashier, and J. W. Weaver, secretary. Directors are Jacob Detwiler, John E. Allen, D. R. Lehman, G. Ed Buzard, Jerry Shontz, J. V. Stewart, J. J. Quigley, S. W. Tidd, J. A. Vogleson, Harry Bookwalter, Royal Conkey, and J. R. Jeffries.

The Banner Machine Co. is organized for the manufacture of vacuum cleaners and small specialties by C. D. Rymer, F. H. Grove, C. M. Hoover, H. H. Hoover, R. H. Grove, and S. W. Seidner. Sunset Temple No. 364, Pythian Sisters, is instituted in the K. of P. hall with 34 charter members. Upon the death of A. S. Johnson, John Sitler becomes a carrier of the rural mail delivery.

1910—Workmen repairing the Allen corner find unmistakable signs of a still house. It is surmised that large quantities of whiskey were distilled in the old building.



Fetzer's Park, 1910: Columbiana's "Lover's Lane."

1911—The Men's Personal Work League of Columbiana is organized. The purpose of the organization is to bring men to the personal knowledge and saving power of Jesus Christ. S. E. Rogers is named president; J. R. Jeffries, vice president; J. S. White, secretary; Jacob Detwiler, treasurer; and S. S. Weaver, chorister. Seventy-two charter members sign up. Frank Snauffer and Jacob Hum buy the S. S. Wetzel slating establishment.

On February 14 the Hattie Bishop Circle is organized with 76 charter members. Beard Stephan Company locates here to manufacture specialty crane hooks with an automatic weighing device. On October 18, J. R. McDonald opens a restaurant, but soon discontinues the restaurant business and opens a pool and billiard room at the corner of Main and Railroad Streets.

On March 11, John and Emma Ryan open a racket store in the Coblentz building on the Square, but a



month later the building is gutted by fire. Several months later they purchase Pete Lower's news stand in the Knowles building on the west side of Main Street. Later they will move to the building on the east side of the street owned by Herbert Schlag, then next door to the present location of Ryan's News which the Ryans operate until they sell it in 1954 to Ray and Marge McCormick.

On July 11 J. H. Tope and J. A. Crawford buy the grocery department of H. H. Smith and Sons, moving it to Main Street two doors south of Mulberry Alley. Tope soon leaves the partnership and the business continues as J. A. Crawford. On December 11, Fred D. Lodge purchases the Smith dry goods and cloth goods departments.



First C.H.S. Basketball Team, 1911-1912: First row (L. to R.), Allen Heston, Thomas Harrold. Second row, Sam Rogers, John Robinson, and Norman Detwiler. Third row, Maurice White, Hurd Tuttle (coach), and William Krayner.



C.H.S. 1912-1913 Track Team: First row (L. to R.), Edwin Smith, Sam Rogers, W. O. Davis (coach), Raymond Jeffries, and Guy Decker. Second row, John Robinson, Lawrence Brown, Dixon Harmon, Allen Heston, Howard Webb, and Norman Detwiler.

1912—G. B. Keyser opens a racket store. Ohl Brothers sells out with a fire sale and auction, quitting business. The headquarters of the International Bible Student's Association, commonly called "Millennial Dawn", is at the home of Cyrus Chamberlin on Pearl Street.

The annual Free Street Fair and Homecoming is held Sept. 20 and 21 with Isaiah Flickinger, president; R. H. Vaughn, vice president; S. S. Weaver, secretary; and N. M. Fuhrman, treasurer. The Executive committee is J. W. Weaver, S. S. Rauch, Charles Smith, Mayor Harry Bookwalter, H. A. Inman and H. E. Garrett.

On March 12, Charles E. Smith, son of H. H. Smith, opens a gent's furnishing store with an entirely new line in his own store room on the east side of Main Street.

Upon the resignation of James Mather, Selby Hull becomes carrier No. 2 on the rural mail route.

Chauncy Wolfgang publishes a history of Columbiana, getting much of his material from old items preserved by his mother in her scrapbook.

On a January Sunday in 1912, churchgoers discovered a break in a water main at the corner of Friend and Middle Streets. The water supply of the entire village was shut off for about 48 hours, until the broken section was replaced. Mayor Harry Bookwalter ordered Marshal Wining and Deputy Marshal Kyser, with two extra men, to patrol all sections of town and take all precautions against fire. School was closed all day Tuesday...That same month, a Columbiana four-year-old named Michael Kinney boarded a Y & S streetcar by himself and rode to Youngstown. The conductor supposed that the boy had his fare and was coming to meet friends, but when the tot remained on the car the conductor made inquiry and found that the boy had got on just for the ride. The little fellow was turned over to police, who investigated and found that the lad's parents were alarmed and very anxious for his return.

1913—An ordinance is passed to employ John B. Morgan of Leetonia for \$100 to secure legal advice for a complete sewer system for Columbiana. Harry Bookwalter is mayor; Harry Inman, clerk. Another to construct sidewalks of sawed sandstone or concrete at the intersection of West Park Avenue and the Public Square is also passed.

A reunion is held at Gettysburg of Union and Confederate veterans.



First C.H.S. Girls' Basketball Team, 1913-1914: Bottom (left to right), Eleanor Rauch, Mildred Todd. Seated, Hazel Grove, Nina Frye, Ethel Rauch, Iva Pike, Lydia Heston, and Betty McCloskey, coach.



The 1912 Fire Department poses in front of the Graner Opera House, which stood on the South Vine Street site of the present fire station. In the bottom row, from left to right, are Samuel Douglas, William Haag, Thomas Wining, Frank Snyder, Charles Zellers, Ray Fisher, William Eberhardt, John Krohmer, George Snyder, Jake L. Hum, Ross Kyser, Milt Robinson, and Joe Hoffmeister. In the second row are John Graner, Frank Snauffer, William Barr, Joe Troll, Jollie Hoover, Harvey Hisey, Selby Hull and Raymond Baker. Ed Fuhrman and Paul Kyser are at the top.



Troll House, 1913

1914—The bandstand at the intersection of Park and Main Streets is declared a nuisance and ordered removed. W. O. Wallace is employed as counsel for the village. T. A. Renkenberger is mayor; J. G. Ryan, clerk. An ordinance is passed to improve Main Street from the north corporation line to the P. F. W. and C. railroad at a cost of five cents a foot to abutting property owners. Another is passed to improve East Park Avenue from the east side of the Public Square to the east corporation limit.

1915—On September 7, an ordinance to regulate traffic on improved streets is passed. Council goes on record for the location of a new state normal school for eastern Ohio in Columbiana County.

The steamship Lusitania is sunk without warning by a German submarine. Ford produces his one-millionth automobile.

1916—The movie "Birth of a Nation" opens. On March 9 Mexican revolutionary general Francisco "Pancho" Villa leads a band of 1,500 guerillas across the border. On March 15, 6,000 men under General John J. Pershing begin pursuit. Federal Income Tax is ruled constitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court. The Boy Scouts of America is incorporated by a bill signed by President Wilson. On December 18 the Prohibition Act is submitted to the states for ratification.

Mrs. Catherine Flickinger Firestone, the wife of Benjamin and mother of Harvey S., Robert J. and Elmer S. Firestone, dies at the age of 78 at her home at 142 North Elm Street, where she had lived since the death of her husband in 1904.



First C.H.S. Football Team, 1916: First row (L. to R.), George Gaines, James Case, Howard Jeffries, Irl Fisher, Ray Hum and Clifford Welter. Second row, Brickley McReady (coach), Dewey Burkhart, John Biddison, Robert Benninghoff, Marion Poulton, Leo Nichols, Lewis Bowman, Dewey Sittler, George Case, and Arthur Johnston.

# Musical Entertainment

COLUMBIANA OPERA HOUSE

Monday Evening, March 9, 1914

PROF. SWAGER, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

## Program

### Part I.

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| (a) Message (March)                         | Miller            |
| (b) Enchantress (Overture)                  | Dalby             |
| Band  |                   |
| "The Shoozy Shoo (See Saw)"                 | Ambrase           |
| Ladies' Quartet                             |                   |
| "Good-bye Sweetheart Good-bye" (Vocal Solo) |                   |
| Miss Bernice Flickinger                     |                   |
| "The Pilot's Story" (Reading)               | Miss Gladys Rymer |
| "Onward March"                              | Geibel            |
| Aeolian Quartet                             |                   |
| "The Palms" (Piano Solo)                    | Legbach           |
| Miss Oneta Greenawalt                       |                   |
| "Spring's a Lovable Lady" (Vocal Solo)      | Elliott           |
| Mrs. A. B. Rask                             |                   |

### Part II.

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| (a) Representative (March)                | Harris  |
| (b) Floral City (Overture)                | Snyder  |
| Band                                      |         |
| "The Hundred and Oneth" (Reading)         | Donnell |
| Miss Dora Inman                           |         |
| "Three Bumble Bees"                       | Fogal   |
| Aeolian Quartet                           |         |
| "Rememberance of Liberator" (Cornet Solo) |         |
| Prof. Swager                              |         |
| "Moonlight" (Serenade)                    | Moret   |
| Band                                      |         |
| "Waves of the Ocean" (Piano Duet)         |         |
| Helen Bilger and Nina Keller              |         |
| "Pale in the Amber West"                  | Parks   |
| Ladies' Quartet                           |         |
| Vaudeville Act "Hot Air"                  |         |
| Walter, Sam and Bessie Lindsay            |         |

1917—General Pershing is ordered home from Mexico. The plat of William H. Vogelson is annexed to the village.

On February 3, President Wilson severs diplomatic relations with Germany. On April 6, President Wilson signs a resolution of Congress proclaiming a state of war with Germany. On June 26, the first American troops arrive in France.

In 1917 we were at war with the Germans and industry was geared to furnishing equipment with which to win the war. Liberty truck convoys on their way east to points of embarkation passed through Columbiana from the Detroit area. Sometimes they stayed overnight in the Grace Reformed Sunday School rooms. On one such occasion, a convoy with Lt. Col. Dwight Eisenhower as second in command

stopped at Firestone Farms for a chicken dinner prepared by the ladies of Grace Church.



Lt. Col. Dwight D. Eisenhower second, in command of the Army's first transcontinental Motor Truck Convoy, as he stopped for a chicken dinner at the Firestone Homestead Farm on July 13, 1919. At his right is Harvey S. Firestone Jr. The dinner was served by the ladies of Grace Reformed Church.

1918—On June 29 the prohibition amendment becomes law. On July 14, Quentin Roosevelt, son of former President Theodore Roosevelt, is shot down and killed during a battle with an enemy plane. On October 20, Germany, in a note to President Wilson, accepts his conditions for peace. On November 7, armistice is reported but denied by the Secretary of War. Kaiser Wilhelm abdicates. On November 11, news of the German surrender reaches the United States and by 11 a.m. all firing has stopped.

In Columbiana, an impromptu parade is arranged to celebrate the war's end. A great flag is carried face up by a group of boys. Citizens toss in nearly \$100 for the Red Cross.

A German gas mask, picked up in No-Man's Land, is sent home by W. L. Augustine to his parents.

Twenty-two young Columbiana men organize a club in rooms over Thoman's Harness Shop. In honor of the fallen war hero Quentin Roosevelt, they call it the Quentin Club.

(An Oakland Sensible Six Touring Car sells for \$1,165.)

In the fall of 1918, a group of young Columbiana men, since there was no place in town for their amusement and entertainment, took it upon themselves to provide such a place and formed the Quentin Club, named in honor of Quentin Roosevelt, former president Teddy Roosevelt's son who, as a pilot in World War I, was shot down a few months before.

They secured rooms over Fred Thoman's harness shop and fitted the place with lounge chairs, a davenport, a phonograph, a pool table, and reading materials.



Army Truck Convoy during World War I headed for the east coast and the front, parked on the Square in Columbiana.

Charter members were Enos Bookwalter, Herbert Nolan, John Benninghoff, Hiram McGrath, Howard Jeffries, George Gaines, Robert Esterly, Lewis Bowman, D. M. McCurry, Ralph Brungard, Harry Eberhardt, George Case, Floyd Metz, Forrest Ramage, T. J. Maloney, Hadley Stewart, Clyde Biddison, John Frye, H. L. Fisher, Robert Benninghoff, R. Smith, and Theodore Decker.

On January 30, 1920, because of a claim for taxes by Internal Revenue and also some dissension in the club, all goods and chattels were sold to Hiram McGrath and Herbert Nolan for \$151. Enos Bookwalter signed the agreement as president and Ray Hum as secretary.

This list, prepared by the late Harry Ferrall, shows Columbianans serving overseas in World War I, as of September 6, 1918:

Lawrence Smith, Henry Houlette, John M. Stahl, Lester L. Lehman, Maurice D. White, William Sansenbauger, Walter D. Rupert, Raymond Jeffries, Albert Kuegle, Alfred Barrow, Thomas W. Harrold, Charles O. Baughman, Dick Fitzpatrick, John A. Robinson, Mabel Vogleson, Wagoner Howard Gleckler, Orlando McGaffick, Donald Bradfield.

Henry Cox, Russell Jewell, Leo Holloway, Wynne Huntington, Galen Basinger, Harry L. Brown, Ivan R. Reash, Clarence Shontz, W. O. Davis, Guy Decker, George McMillan, Thomas Esenwein, Paul C. Fuhrman, Henry W. Kurtz, Thomas Hill, Carl Zimmerman, Ed Sauerwein, Charles Huntington, James Slagle, Clifford Esterly, Erben Martin, Joy Esenwein.

Raymond Gleckler, Walter B. Scott, Ray C. Gordon, Howard Dishong, Walter Messersmith, William R. Millen, Arthur Rudibaugh, Howard Townsend, Henry Werner, Harry Ferrall, Edgar Coppock, Chester Fuhrman, Emerson Hively, Harry McCoy.



Dinner on the Square for returned soldiers of World War I: Arrow pointing to Clarence Shontz, next, Charles Newell, third, W. O. Davis. Facing camera, Guy Decker and Ryan Roller.

1919—Ed Johnson opens a retail meat market near the Public Square. The H. J. Harrold Tool Forge Company installs new machinery for special work. Tidd's Department Store is renovated. (Advertisement: Washing wanted at corner of Pearl and Lisbon Streets.)

On March 13 the Home Savings and Loan Company is organized by J. V. Stewart, G. E. Buzard, Jerry Shontz, W. A. Heston and J. J. Quigley, capitalized at \$25,000. Officers are W. L. Augustine, president; and Ray Vaughn, secretary. Directors are W. H. Heston, J. J. Quigley, S. S. Weaver, Jerry Shontz, L. A. Schaeffer, G. Ed Buzard, and W. A. Lyder.

Council passes a resolution to grade, curb and pave Railroad, Elm, and Duquesne Streets. Another resolution is passed raising the mayor's salary to \$200 a year and clerk's to \$250 a year. P. H. Felger is mayor; J. G. Ryan is Clerk

A flu epidemic causes 1,548 deaths in the county during the year.



J. B. Stouffer Grocery truck, about 1919:  
Bill Boyle, driver

In May 1919, Elmer Flickinger came into a \$189,000 fortune because he had stopped a runaway team of horses several months before.

Flickinger, while waiting at the Camp Sheridan, Alabama, railroad station for a train that would take him home on furlough (he was a private in Battery B, 135th Machine Gun Battalion), caught sight of a team of horses, hitched to a carriage, running away at top speed.

Dropping his suitcase, he jumped for the head of one of the horses, caught the bridle, and hung on until the animals stopped.

The terrified lady occupant of the carriage had scarcely enough presence of mind to ask Flickinger for his name and address.

She turned out to be a woman of considerable means, and at her death she willed the local man 135,000 shares of stock in an iron mine and a 640-acre farm, both in Alabama.

1920—The salary of the street commissioner is fixed at \$4 per day. An ordinance is passed authorizing construction of sidewalks on Main Street and throughout the village.

The Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Company is granted a franchise to construct, maintain and operate lines for light, heat, and power within the village. A resolution is passed providing for joint village and county improvements on West Park Avenue.

The Franklin Furniture Company is established by L. Frank Smith in the former Columbiana Fire Hall and Rubber Company building. Warren G. Harding is elected president over Ohio Governor James A. Cox.

1921—A resolution is passed providing for the issue of bonds to improve the water system by installing a standpipe, water mains and service lines. Another appoints Clement C. Beard as inspector on the West Park Avenue Improvement plan. The constitution of Independent Hose Company No. 1 is approved.



Air mail service between New York and Chicago is begun. Radio station KDKA becomes the first regular broadcasting service. On August 25 a treaty of peace with Germany is finally signed in Berlin. California defeats Ohio State 28 to 0 in the sixth Rose Bowl game.

(Popular songs are "If You Would Care for Me," "Look for the Silver Lining," "Kitten on the Keys," and "Blue Moon.")



Chauncey Wolfgang with his cart and pony. (Wolfgang was the author of a history of Columbiana, 1805-1912.)

In 1921 Charles L. Buzard and Herbert C. Nolan, with \$1,000 between them, founded the B & N Transfer Company, with daily service to and from Youngstown, Columbiana, Leetonia, Salem, Lisbon, and East Palestine.

The first truck, a Reo, was kept in a barn on the Esterly property—where the Columbiana Plaza stores now are—until a garage and offices were built on North Main Street.

Two years later Buzard left the firm and Nolan incorporated under the name B & N Transportation, Inc., adding, in 1930, a terminal in East Liverpool and regular service to Steubenville, Wheeling, and points beyond.

Rising operating costs and competition from larger firms brought about the sale of B & N in 1959, to Commercial Motor Freight of Columbus.

1922—The Post Office is moved to the Frederick (now Barrow) building. Resolutions are passed to improve Pittsburgh, Union, and Lisbon Streets. Council ordains that it shall be unlawful for any horse, mule, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, geese, or poultry to run at large.

On February 27, the women's suffrage amendment is declared constitutional by the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court. On November 5, Armistice Day is proclaimed a national holiday by President Harding.

1923—An ordinance is passed prohibiting the installation of gasoline, kerosene and oil pumps on streets or alleys of the village. Another ordinance provides for the installation of a sewer system. Still another regulates the use of the streets and alleys by automobiles, motor vehicles, carriages and all other vehicles.

On May 12 the Citizens Savings Bank is opened with John Barrow as president and Dallas Hepburn as cashier. On August 2, President Harding dies in San

Francisco and Calvin Coolidge is sworn in as president at 2:30 the next morning at his home in Vermont.

1924—An ordinance is passed dedicating that portion of the Public Square between the curb and the sidewalks as a park area. J. L. Hum is mayor; Alfred Barrow, clerk. Another ordinance prohibits liquor traffic and provides for the administration and enforcement of prohibition within the village.

(Popular songs are "Lady be Good", "Indian Love Call", "I'll see You in My Dreams", "Yes, Sir, That's My Baby", and "Sweet Georgia Brown.") (The price of Ford cars slumps to \$290.)

Coolidge defeats John W. Davis for president.

On June 15, the Ford Motor Co. announces the manufacture of the 10-millionth automobile. Fifteen of the automobile manufacturing companies that started before 1905 are still in existence: Apperson (1901), Buick (1903), Cadillac (1902), Ford (1903) Haynes (1896), Locomobile (1899), Maxwell (1904), Olds (1897), Overland (1902), Packard (1902), Peerless (1900), Pierce-Arrow (1901), Stearns (1900), and Studebaker (1898). More than 1,000 have failed. On September 3, the Shenandoah, a U. S. Army dirigible is wrecked in a storm near Ava, Ohio.

1926—Council accepts plans prepared by John Beswick for erecting traffic lights and directory signs in the center of the Public Square. An ordinance is passed to float a bond issue of \$4,000 to purchase a fire engine and fire hose. J. M. George is hired as civil engineer. Council accepts the plat of Leo and Clyde Sponseller.

Jordan's Garage on West Park Avenue becomes the Kozy Dance Hall and Restaurant. W. J. Lindsey opens a tire shop at his residence at 355 Union Street. Ohio Bell begins the changeover to a new type of telephone. F. Tomlinson of Salem opens the Cash Purina Chow Store in the rear of Keller's Hardware. A. H. Brammer, after nine years in the tailoring business here, moves to Salem.

A high school annual was published in the 1920's, but there was none in the 30's until an essay by a student and the encouragement of a teacher resulted in the establishment in 1937 of "The Torch", forerunner of the present-day "Clipper" annual.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Keller sell their residence on North Main to Harry C. Warrick of Clarkson Ohio, who will convert it into a funeral home. Ground is broken for a new building on the west side of Main



Sponseller's Tire Shop, 1926

Street by Fitzpatrick Brothers, dealers in men's clothing and furnishings, after fifteen years on the east side of Main Street.

Tidd Department Store opens a dress-making school. Central Porcelain, a new industry here, is constructing a new building. George Barlow and Harry Yates are in charge.

Swathmore Chautauqua opens in Columbiana for a five-day stand. Columbiana Publishing Company installs a new model 14 linotype machine. An art studio operated by Maurie Sproul opens here. C. W. Griswold of McComb, Ohio takes charge of the Columbiana Ledger.

1927—An ordinance is passed regulating the speed of motor vehicles: 15 miles per hour on Main Street and not more than 25 miles per hour elsewhere. First offense fine is \$5; fine for subsequent offenses is \$10 to \$25. Failure to pay the fine would result in confinement in City Jail and the requirement of working out the fine under the direction of the street commissioner at \$2 per day.

Isaiah Holloway, Columbiana's oldest citizen, passes away at age 99. R. I. Mollenkopf, formerly employed in the C. J. Hart Bakery, will open a bakery at the corner of South Main and Union Streets. Glen Donbar opens a dry cleaning establishment on Main Street. McFadden Foundry & Machine constructs a new core oven. Ed Lodge sells his retail drug business to Mr. Bowles.

(The Whippet Touring Car sells for \$680; eggs are 55 cents a dozen; butter is 58 cents a pound; bacon is 25 cents a pound; a Fordson tractor goes for \$495. The "Globe" Theater is featuring Rudolph Valentino in "Son of the Sheik.")

1928—Columbiana is under a corn borer ban. Charles Hetrick and Oscar Leonard, coal mine operators, dissolve their partnership. John Koch and Clarence Koch of the Koch-Read Company make a new contract as Ford distributors for this territory. Brubaker and Glosser of North Lima receive a carload of Durant Automobiles. Martin Davey, the tree expert, speaks at the opening of the "White Way". John Ryan completes a yacht built at his home on West Park Avenue.

Allied Oil, which owns about 150 wells in Columbiana and Mahoning Counties, is sold to Keystone Pipe and Supply Co. H. W. Hammond is receiver. National Rubber Machinery Company is organized by New York financiers, and Banner Machine Company becomes a part. Directors include Frank Grove and Elmer Coyle. The Union Bank puts an illuminated clock on its building which will strike chimes. Miss Anna Oster opens a millinery store in the Frederick block.

Ohio Bell buys the Fairfield Township Telephone Company which has been in existence about 25 years. Isaac Culp, one of the first rural mail carriers, retires.

1929—A resolution is passed to hire a street commissioner at a salary of \$1,500 per year. Thomas H. Snyder is mayor; S. Richard Orr is clerk. The village receives from insurance more than \$1,960 for damage done to the water works and light plant by fire. The fire destroyed the fire signal siren, so a new one is purchased and installed by the Federal Electric Company of Chicago. Bonds are issued for the construction of an auxiliary sewer system.

The state fire marshal condemns the town hall and fire department building and orders repairs made within 30 days. On November 9, Council passes an ordinance appropriating funds for the building of a new town hall.

Harvey S. Firestone buys property on the Square and will build a Firestone Super Service Store. C. J. Hart Bakery, in business here for fourteen years, is sold to R. I. Mollenkopf. Anabasis Society wins the Literary Contest for four consecutive years, and receives the R. J. Jeffries cup. Homer Lehman announces plans to raze an old landmark and build a new business block. The new currency of reduced size is on display in Columbiana banks.

Carl Souder has the contract to erect the new B & N Warehouse on the rear of property owned by Herbert Nolan. Dr. F. W. Trader opens a new office in the Fitzpatrick Block. Walter Chapin opens the Ideal Bakery at the corner of Main and Union Streets. Frank Glidden takes over the lease of the Park Hotel from Mrs. Frank Rider. H. L. Wise replaces George Hoover and his family at Firestone Farms and will continue his milk route.

Solon Morris purchases Miss Anna Bell's interest in Bell and Morris Grocery. A stop light is installed at the Square. The Roosevelt 8 built by Marmon goes on sale here. The Goodyear Airship visits here, making twelve flights and carrying forty-eight passengers. G. W. Burkle sells his feed store to Sunshine Stores, Inc., of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. J. L. Hum is elected mayor.

1930—Production Foundry makes ornamental iron castings for many new buildings in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Harrold Tool Co. supplies screw drivers to many automobile manufacturers as well as some 3000 Woolworth and Kresge Stores. C. W. Huntington opens a Studebaker Agency on South Main St. Henry Staley retires from the school board after twenty-two years' service. Dickinson Brothers, who took over the Charles Smith clothing business twenty years ago, close their operation. James McGill is now an authorized Dodge Dealer on East Park Ave.

Miss Elsie Delmer and Fred Ferrall are assigned as census enumerators. Columbiana has 2,484 residents. The water works building is rebuilt at the east end of Union Street. Raymond Mather is the contractor; Clarence Kissinger the architect. C. E. Bender of Cadiz is the new school superintendent. C. J. Crowl opens an Isaly Dairy Store in rooms vacated by Dickinson Brothers. Dr. McCords sells his practice to Dr. Chester Dewalt.

Jack Ryan opens a miniature golf course one mile west of town. (A Ford Coupe sells for \$495.) Leo Sponsellor, operator of the Firestone Agency, sells his business to George Hoover. The Columbiana Community picnic is held August 6 at Myers Lake Park near Canton. All businesses close for the day. (Ground beef is two pounds for 25 cents.) Poultry field day is held at R. H. Vaughn and Sons poultry farm east of Columbiana.

Hattie Bishop Circle of the G. A. R. puts up a monument in the cemetery in memory of the Civil War Soldiers. Ed Lodge's confectionary on South Main Street is sold to Ralph M. Basler. The Columbiana Motor Company takes over the entire Mahoning County agency for Studebaker Cars. Leo Sponsellor will head the organization, assisted by Harry

Eberhardt and Smith Walker. (A Six-60 series Nash goes for \$795.)

John Ryan Jr. built a miniature golf course in 1930 "just for amusement", but at the urging of friends, in those days when miniature golf had become a craze, he opened it to the public. He circulated handbills, and on opening day in the spring of the year he was awakened at 6:30 a.m. by amusement-seekers who started honking their horns.

People were so eager to play that they didn't even mind sharing one putter among a group of four—putters were scarce because the game had become so popular in such a hurry—and when it became too dark to see, they turned car lights on the course so they could continue playing.

When the craze for miniature golf ended—as quickly as it had come—Ryan built Valley Golf Club, starting with two holes in 1931 and completing the nine holes in 1935. He sold out to the present owner, Art Rohrer, in 1960.

1931—E. P. Funkhouser is elected president of the Union Banking Company, succeeding the late J. V. Stewart. Henry Staley is elected president of the County Board of Education. C. H. Stevens will open a new general store in the rooms vacated by H. H. Lehman. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Myer are now operating the Globe Theater, taking over Harry Lundgren's interest. The Y & O line is to be dismantled. The 20-millionth Ford visits Columbiana, stopping at Koch-Reed Ford Agency. The Rexall Drug Store, owned and operated the past eight years by Dick Riddle, is sold to Ed Lodge. The Home Restaurant, operated by E. J. Hoopengartner, is sold to Boyd Taylor. The Boy Scouts here make plans to visit the new Scout camp and the Goodyear Zeppelin plant at Akron. Harry Troll takes charge of the H. F. Gilmore shoe store. Harvey Firestone is host to the Columbiana Alumni Association.

Here are some excerpts from Harvey S. Firestone's welcome to the Columbiana High School alumni at the Golden Anniversary Dinner at Firestone Homestead on June 26, 1931:

"Mrs. Firestone and I are very happy to have all of you here for dinner with us tonight at the Old Homestead.

First, I want to thank the ladies of the Women's Missionary Society of the Grace Reformed Church for preparing such a delicious dinner...The task of cooking and serving a dinner such as this is no light one...I am certain that our dinner tonight was not only the best but also the largest that they have ever served. It tasted just like Mother's dinners here on the farm when I was a boy.

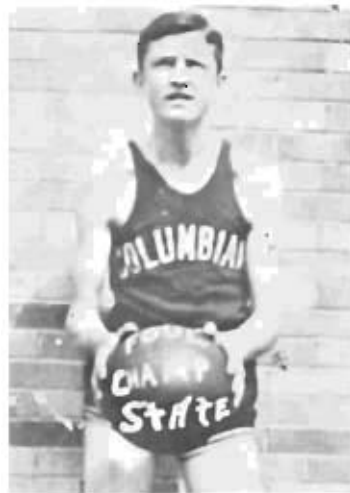
Possibly it has been my fortune to have had a somewhat wider experience than many of you. I shall tell you — and hope it may interest you — how that part of my life which was lived here shaped and molded the life that has been lived elsewhere... looking backward I can clearly see that accomplishing depends upon having and holding a few simple fundamental principles.

These principles, which are the basis of everything,

were taught to me on this farm by my mother and father and in the High School by my teachers and particularly by Miss Linda Snyder. Fortunately for us she is here tonight. To her all of us owe a great deal...for she did much to make the high school what it is today. I owe to her my progress through the school and the securing of my diploma. Also I owe to her the teaching of something that is more important than anything contained in books.

She trained me to concentrate on any problem until I had analyzed it fully. I now know that without concentration and analysis nothing of a sound nature can be accomplished...now I know that right principles cannot be held to and applied without what at times seems to be a sacrifice. One does not really...sacrifice, for in the end the right way is the best way.

No one, I am sure, has enjoyed this afternoon and evening more than I have. It has been a great pleasure to meet so many of my old friends and schoolmates after all these years. I am sure that we are all very proud of a fact which I think I can prove — that Columbiana High School has had more graduates who have made great accomplishments in their respective lines than has any other high school of similar size in the state or the country."



George Keller, State Basketball Foul-Shooting  
Champion in 1932

1932—T. J. Sailor, assistant cashier of the Citizens Savings Bank, resigns to become cashier of the Seville Banking Co., Seville, Ohio. The Columbiana village tax rate is cut, making it the second lowest in the county. (Chevrolet cars are priced as low as \$475.) Perry Kyser and Charles Buzard lease the Sohio Station. Aaron Weisnir, whose clothing store was destroyed by fire, will open another store here. Lucille Mellon of Columbiana will play forward for Oberlin in the Oberlin-Yale basketball classic. George Keller, a Senior at C.H.S., wins the foul shooting contest in Columbus, becoming the state champion. Columbiana Kiwanis receives its charter with 35 members. President is Ray J. Miller; vice president, Dan Miller; secretary, Mark Klingensmith. (4½" screen coal's \$4.60 a ton at Curtis Stahl's.) H. A. Fullerton will open his own filling station, employees being Clarence Snyder and Don Zellers. Wilbur Coy Company of Salem opens a branch here on East Park Avenue as Plymouth and DeSoto dealers. Roller's Tea Room on South Main

Street now offers private dining rooms. Sorosis Club celebrates its 20th anniversary with ten charter members in attendance.

The Swastika Club was organized in October 1932 at the urging of a teacher, Edgar Miller, to give young men a place to get together for recreational activities. Homer Stahl was first president, and first secretary-treasurer was John Weaver. The original meeting place was in the back of Keller's Hardware.

In 1934, when Hitler began flaunting the swastika, the club changed its name to Tyme Club. Many residents will recall that one of their projects was collecting discarded toys and restoring them for distribution to the less fortunate children at Christmas.

The club was dissolved when jobs became available and all members were too busy to continue.

1933—Miss Eleanor Lehman is the delegate of Capital University to the Women's Division of the Universities of Central Ohio. The village cuts wages of unskilled labor to 40 cents per hour. Council sponsors municipal gardens with Mayor J. L. Hum in charge. Byerly & Spiker purchase the hardware and supply store of John Beard, continuing under the name of Beard Hardware and Heating Company. W. M. Hoffman is succeeded by Leigh Nichols as manager of Ohio Bell here. A Gulf gasoline station is opened on West Park Avenue by Luther Donbar and son.

Ray Fisher heads an organization to promote a swimming pool and recreation ground. The Legion Band wins third place in an East Liverpool competition; Charles Esenwein is leader. The newly-opened Artic Ice Plant of F. E. Sitler is destroyed by fire. The Purple Heart, awarded soldiers for merit and wounds received in action, established in 1782 by George Washington and revived in 1932, is presented to Alfred Barrow for wounds received in the Argonne Forest on October 9, 1918, and to L. M. Trautman for wounds received on the St. Mihiel front on September 27, 1918.

The American Legion's tenth District Convention is held at the Grace Church. The Village buys a 1-1/2 ton Studebaker truck for \$983. H. W. Harmon sells his jewelry store to Glen McNess. Columbiana forms a permanent Red Cross Auxiliary with Olaf Todd as chairman and Sam Weaver as secretary-treasurer. In late September, John Chase and Bruce Rogers of the Youngstown auxiliary of the American Nature Study Club discover the source of Mill Creek on the William N. Cope Farm south of Columbiana. The spring found to be the source is dedicated in ceremonies held on October 7.

1934—The Harvey S. Firestone Recreational Park is laid out. It is being built with funds provided by Mr. Firestone and the local and federal governments on land donated by Mr. Firestone. The first park board includes Dr. Friend W. Trader, Dan J. Miller, Dick Fitzpatrick, Ray C. Miller and Ray W. Fisher. The engineer is Earl H. Newell.

Columbiana Motor Co secures the agency to sell Chevrolet Autos, to be operated by C. W. Huntington. William Halverstadt, pioneer soldier, dies. He was postmaster under McKinley. Charles Burleigh Galbreath dies; he was nationally known for his work

as a librarian and historian. (An Oldsmobile Eight costs \$845, a Six goes for \$640.)

The Legion plans to sponsor a junior baseball team under the management of Raymond Gleckler; Francis Reinehr and Robert Lipe Jr. will be captains. Charles E. Keller is deputy registrar for motor vehicles. \$12,500 is allotted for waterworks improvements approved by the W.P.A.

On June 29, the Firestone Park Project is approved by the Federal Emergency Relief Agency. (Ladies' shoes cost \$1.65 to \$1.95 at H. F. Gilmore Co.)

Former Ledger publisher Raymond Jeffries is a candidate for U. S. Congressman-at-large. Van Fossan Pond, once a skating spot for Columbiana and an ice cutting pond, is declared a nuisance by the County Health Board and ordered filled. "Pretty Boy" Floyd, designated Public Enemy number one by the FBI, is shot near Sprucevale, about ten miles south of here.

(Pork loin roast is 15 cents a pound at the P. H. Butler Co.) Henry Staley celebrates fifty years in the shoe business.

1935—Andy Andrich moves his candy store to rooms formerly occupied by the Home Restaurant. Firestone Park pool nears completion. Ruth Newell wins the American Legion essay contest. American Legion sponsors the first annual Columbiana Day at Idora Park; all stores will close.

Frank Grove buys the Frederick Block. C. B. Riggle of Perrysburg is selected as school superintendent. W. T. Holloway, pioneer merchant, dies. Dedication of Firestone Park, scheduled for July 4, will be delayed because work is not completed. Methodists celebrate their centennial anniversary. Oscar Leshner retires from the grocery business. The New Globe Theater opens under the management of Mr. Merl Berryman of Newton Falls.

East Park Avenue gets more street lights. Hall and Stephens will occupy the former Central Market location. Pyramid Oil & Gas Company leases the Modern Lubricating plant on Railroad Street. (Chuck roast is 22 cents a pound at Crawford's)

On December 26, bandits hold up the Union Bank, fleeing in an auto with \$3,500. Tracey Tidd and other nearby merchants sometime before were given shotguns to protect the bank in case of a holdup. Tidd's store is directly across the street. When the alarm sounded Tracey rushed to an upstairs window, saw one of the bandits standing in the alley between the bank and Dr. Mellon's office. Never having shot a gun, he raised the weapon. Before he could get off a shot the bandit, seeing him, let go with his machine gun. Bullets struck below and beside the window.

(Shirley Temple is playing in "Bright Eyes" at the Globe.) (A Ford V-8 sells for \$495 at Koch Motor Co.)

1936—A Vaughn and Son white leghorn pullet scores 82 eggs and 84.5 points to place second in a Georgia contest. The firm also has pullets placing sixth and ninth. (Tenderloin steak is 21 cents a pound at City Market.)

Fred Thoman, harness retailer and repairman, retires. Mr. Thoman learned the trade from B. Renkenberger, for whom he worked eight years before taking over. Columbiana sends food, clothing and money to Wellsville and other cities along the Ohio river which are victims of a flood.





On the lawn at Firestone Homestead, Sept. 17, 1936. L. to R., Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Harvey S. Firestone, Henry Ford, Leonard Firestone, and Russell Firestone.

Byers and Spiker dissolve their partnership in Beard Hardware and Heating Company. R. G. Spiker will continue the business. Irene Brinker wins the county spelling contest. Ed Myers sells his filling station on East Park Avenue to W. H. Kunkle of Poland. Howard Holloway purchases Boyle's bowling alley. On May 22, the Firestone Park swimming pool opens. Dr. Harry Bookwalter and his son Lee will occupy remodeled property on East Park Avenue. Lee is now interning at South Side Hospital in Youngstown. The A & P moves to the Thoman building after more than fifteen years in the Coblentz block on the Square.

Mark Klingensmith heads the re-organized Columbiana Chamber of Commerce. Shontz and Son, in business since 1904, will move one block north to make way for the enlargement of the Union Bank. The Columbiana Legion Band takes part in the Eighteenth National Convention to be held in Cleveland. Virginia Felger is again named library head. Route 14 from Columbiana will be repaved with a 20-foot concrete road at the cost of \$183,000. A driver's license will be required to operate an auto, effective September 15, 1937. All domestic bills are cancelled by the Board of Public Affairs as a Christmas gift to patrons; the first time ever.

1937—Columbiana's share of sales tax is \$543.72. A city basketball league gets under way. Jacob Detwiler, pioneer resident, dies in Florida at 82. Harry Gosney takes office as county sheriff; Carl Stacey becomes county clerk. (Clark Gable is playing in "Cain and Mable" at the Globe Theater.) A bandit barrier is installed at the Union Bank. (Heinz soups are two cans for 27 cents at Crawford's Market.)

Benninghoff and Powers seek annexation of a plat. Laughlin Poultry wins fourth place at a Farmers Week held at Ohio State University. (Blouses to suit: \$2.00 at Tidd's Department Store.) (Shirley Temple is in "Dimples" at the Globe.)

Stanley Vaughn assumes his duties as factory manager of Taylor Aviation Company in Alliance. John Robinson resigns from the Buick Garage to take

a position at National Rubber Machinery Company. Because of the death of C. J. Hart, Arthur Myers takes over as mayor. William Culp, with a record of 59 years as a blacksmith, retires. Firestone Park will get \$62,000 as a Federal W. P. A. Project. Nine surviving members of the 1887 graduating class hold a reunion.

Roy Bilger becomes plant manager of N. R. M. A Columbiana Day is held at the Great Lakes Exposition in Cleveland. Norman Bauman, member of Fairfield Boosters 4-H Club, wins an individual demonstration contest. Dent Graham is named branch manager of H. J. Heinz Co. for South Carolina and Georgia. The Legion Auxiliary will present "Crazy Mike" at the school auditorium on October 1. The first snow falls on October 15. (Iceberg lettuce sells for two heads for 13 cents at Listori's Corner Grocery.) Mr. Berryman sells the Globe Theatre to the George A. Manos Amusement Co. of Toronto.

1938—Bandits rob the Citizens Bank. (Jarman Shoes sell for \$5-\$6 at Staley & Smith.) A vegetable growers' school opens at the school auditorium. Harvey S. Firestone's funeral rites are held here on Feb. 11. Turkey Run Inn is held up. After eighteen years of personal management, Mrs. R. G. Millen sells her restaurant to K. S. Newhouse. Bill Entriken gains individual honors at the Pitt Track Meet. (The Ford 60 Tudor Sedan sells for \$644 at Koch Motor Co.) Jane Tidd's pupils present an initial recital of dance and dramatics.

Alfred M Beach succeeds John Wiant as C. H. S. Coach. The Fifty-seventh graduating class, the largest in C. H. S. history, graduates May 26. Columbiana thinclads win the first state class B title in a track and field meet. Boots Hawkins' poll vault record is broken after sixteen years. Girl Scouts organize with thirty-eight members; Miss Mae Ashman is supervisor. Rev. C. M. Sitler, a Navy Chaplain, goes to the Samoan Islands. An Isaly Dairy store operated by C. J. Crowl is opened on the square in a new building erected by F. J. Powers. A baked ham sandwich is 10 cents; butter is 2 pounds for 53 cents.



C.H.S. 1938 State Champion Track Team: (L. to R.) Top row, Ed Miller, principal; C. B. Riggle, superintendent; Galen Lehman, Jim Faulk, Clyde Bauer, Dale Ward, Bud Moser, L. Detwiler and Waldo Ward (coach). Bottom row, Ray Mollenkopf, Bob Esenwein, E. Sponseller, Bob Entriken, Dick Fisher ("The Columbiana Clipper"), Bill Entriken and Stan Irons.

W. P. A. will assign 100 men to Columbiana to work on the streets. Dr. Russell Barber opens a general veterinary office on the Square in the Bookwalter building. Emmet Varian opens a bakery in L. E. Harmon's store room. Olen Mowen opens a dry cleaning establishment on Main Street. Northeast Poultry Association builds a new plant west of town. The Enterprise Co. contracts to put up a new building. The same company ships an eighty-ton machine by special car to Pennsylvania.

Dr. R. E. Brungard makes a hole-in-one at Valley Golf Club. A federal grant will end hard water here. The School Board selects new band uniforms; C. R. King is music supervisor. N. R. M. purchases property of the Columbiana Grease Co. in order to expand operations. Construction will begin January 1 on a new library building on South Elm Street, near the school, with W. P. A. funding.

1939—The Odd Fellows present the play, "All a Mistake", in the school auditorium. Richard (Sonny) Fisher receives a sweater and numerals for work on the gridiron as a Freshman at O. S. U. (Grapefruit is 29 cents a dozen at Donbar's Store.) Park and Cemetery projects will get more Firestone aid. National Rubber dedicates its new building. (Men's suits sell for \$11.75 to \$16.75 at Holloway & Son).

Paul E. Reeves succeeds D. H. Hepburn as assistant cashier at the Citizens Savings Bank. Grace Reformed Church will get an organ from R. A. Moyers, a Bethlehem, Pa., theater owner. It will be rebuilt by the



Public Library, 1939.

Hillgreen-Lane organ factory of Alliance. Children under sixteen are allowed on the street until 9 instead of 8.

An F. H. A. home building campaign opens here. Dr. F. W. Trader razes the old Mentzer home on South Main Street to build a clinic and offices. Phone installations here are at a peak. Robert and Bill Entriken, track stars at C. H. S., star for Muskingum College, setting all time highs: Bill, 17- $\frac{3}{4}$  points; and Bob, 19- $\frac{3}{4}$ . Columbiana bowlers are crowned A. B. C. Champs, winning world title of the Booster Division at a Cleveland meet. Carl Patterson, George Hoover, Cliff Bowling and Mark Klingensmith represent Columbiana.

Charles Zellers is listed in "Who's Who of Colleges." Hubert Clapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Clapp, receives his M. D. degree June 14 from Western Reserve at Cleveland. He'll intern at St. Luke's there. The old opera house is purchased by Clyde Hoover to be razed. Junk yards are prohibited in the residential district. W. P. A. workers are to work 130 hours per month; professional workers will receive \$84.70, skilled, \$77.00, intermediate, \$60.00, and unskilled, \$52.80 per month. Laurence Brown is elected superintendent of the Ravenna Schools.

H. D. Kurtz will open a modern 5 & 10 cent store on Main Street. Three generations take part in a service at the Presbyterian Church when the Rev. C. S. McGrath, former pastor, fills the pulpit. His daughter, Mrs. Robert Esterly, is a member of the choir and his granddaughters, Ellen and Miriam Esterly, play a duet organ prelude. Harry Chadwick, manager of Firestone Farms, is selected one of 108 Champion Farmers of America. An open house is planned for the new municipal library on Elm Street. Sponseller and Son of Salem is awarded the contract to build a new municipal garage and warehouse for \$5,390. Ohio Bell plans to erect a building on Main Street. Grace Reformed Church celebrates its 125th anniversary. Ray J. Miller is elected Lieutenant Governor of District 10 of Ohio Kiwanis. Bill Miller is elected to head the Chamber of Commerce.

1940—A special train will run on the Pennsylvania Railroad to the hockey game at the Cleveland Arena. A flasher replaces the watchman at the Elm St. Crossing. Robert Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Myers, flying to attend the air races in Miami, was rescued in the mid-Atlantic after making a forced landing. Grant Bevington is named business and manufacturing census enumerator for Columbiana County. A two-day Fairfield Township Farmers' Institute is held at Fairfield Centralized School. The village tax rate is set at 19 mills. Harry L. Gosney resigns as Sheriff of Columbiana County. The School Board buys the Esterly property on Elm Street to be used as a playground. (Fruit of the Loom men's shirts are \$1.29 at Fitzpatrick Brothers.)

Harrold Tool Company products were used on the Antarctic expedition, according to a letter received from Admiral Richard E. Byrd. Willard Hetric opens a wallpaper and paint headquarters in Tidd's Department Store. On Tuesday, February 14, the first robins arrive. Lieutenant William Watson will join an Australian Army Regiment. (Buick Special Model No. 41 is selling for \$895 at Columbiana Buick.)

Doris Hum, a student at Heidelberg College, is crowned queen of Color Day exercises there. C. H. S. gets top rating in a band contest under the direction of Clair King. Clarence Sprott buys the Main Street property known as Hoskinson Realty. (The Dodge Luxury Liner goes for \$755 at Huntington Motor Co.)

Census figures give Columbiana 2,700 inhabitants, an increase of 215 over the last census. Mather's Southside Market, at Railroad and Main, opens. Presbyterians observe their 75th year. Preston Corey is distributing the products of the Sterling Oil Company from a bulk station east of town. Columbiana Realty incorporates with Herbert C. Nolan, Agnes A. Nolan, Olaf V. Todd, and Myrtle I. Todd as officers. (An Oldsmobile sells at \$810. Reed-

Hill Motor Co.) Columbiana County's last Civil war veteran, Edward W. Powers, 97, tells how he was once captured by Morgan's Raiders. The F. C. Russell Co., maker of "Rusco" storm windows and doors, opens a plant here.

About 1500 Isaly Dairy Company employees and their families hold their annual picnic at Firestone Park. A Western Auto Store opens here, owned and operated by Oak Kirkpatrick. John H. Frye receives a commission as Major in the U. S. Army. Harrold Tool Co. gets a \$130,000 Navy Contract.



Pavilion 1 at Firestone Park shown in the 1940's. An Isaly Dairy Company picnic, typical of the events held at the park during that period, is pictured.

While he was cleaning out the channel of Bull Creek back of the Firestone Farms barns, Wilbur "Ike" Weber uncovered a part of the skeleton of a large animal about five feet under ground in a sand formation. This was identified by Carnegie Institute of Technology as a teen-age mastodon living in a gigantic swamp of pre-glacial days of which Pine Lake is now a part. The partial skeleton was turned over to Mount Union College.

1941—Five Columbiana men are in the second draft call: David Rankin, Clarence Rohrer, Francis Reinehr, John Harrold, and Clinton Browning. Russell Esterly purchases the photography studio of Irvin Stark. Stanley Vaughn is appointed factory manager of the Curtis Wright Corporation at its new plant in Columbus. Dr. H. F. Campbell and Dr. C. W. DeWalt plan new office buildings. H. F. Uth purchases the Western Auto Store from Oak Kirkpatrick. (A DeLuxe Torpedo Six Pontiac costs \$828 at Shaeffer Pontiac.) Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Weber and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller stop at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, to visit with draftees Raymond Candel, Charles Rohrer, and Raymond Mollenkopf. (Ladies' all-straw hats, from 98 cents to \$1.98 at Tidd's Department Store.)

The W. P. A. recreational staff sponsors a kite-flying contest and Easter egg hunt at Firestone Park. (Pork shoulder roast is 20 cents a pound at Crawford's Market.) A cooking school is sponsored by Battery Service Company. The Odd Fellows celebrate their 122-year anniversary. Strawberry Alley becomes Allen Avenue. Grocers adopt an all-year Wednesday-afternoon closing. The Boiler works makes a fourteen-car shipment of chemical containers to the War Department. James Fitzpatrick attends Boys' State at Columbus. William Keller is at Camp Walters, Texas; Robert Hart at Camp Cullen, San Diego, California. Three hundred thirty five attend the alumni banquet and dance.

After 56 years on Main Street, John Zimmers, harness maker, will occupy a new location on Lisbon Street. The village accepts the Lakeview plat. A scrap aluminum collection for national defense is set for July 21. A seven-hour rain causes loss. There are two Columbiana boys in draft call No. 23: Willard Ferrall and Robert Wise. The Red Cross opens a branch here. Boiler Company workers donate funds to buy swans for Firestone Park Lake. The first street markings go up. Jane Haggerty, Dorothy Exten, Alice Mayer, and Mildred Miller are accepted for nurses' training by Salem Hospital. The Boiler Works acquires land for expansion. Selby Hull retires after 32 years as a rural mail carrier. Mayor Arthur Myers is elected for a third term. H. A. Fullerton leases his Main Street service station to the Socony Vacuum Oil Company which sublets to Graydon Metz.

1942—The First Presbyterian Church burns its mortgage. The American Legion starts a drive for scrap metal needed to help the war effort. R. G. Millen is appointed chief of police and marshal; Walter Thomas is designated as his deputy. Kenneth Gormley and Olaf Todd head the Civilian Defense. The village buys \$5,000 in Defense Bonds. Few tires are granted by the Fairfield rationing board. A snow storm plays havoc for 36 hours. A minstrel show sponsored by the American Legion brings \$112 for the Red Cross. A steamship whistle will be the air raid warning. Edward Kamery is lost at sea; the first Columbiana casualty. Sugar rationing dates are announced. James Bowers, Herbert Nolan, and Roy Guy are named to the ration board. A Defense Bond drive sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary is headed by Mrs. Harry Lundgren. The Legion erects a board at the Square listing names of Columbiana and Fairfield Township men in service. 54,700 pounds of scrap rubber are collected. Paper stickers are to replace metal automobile license plates. A scrap rally nets twelve tons of metal on a Saturday afternoon. The Boiler Company gets the Army-Navy "E" (for excellence of performance) for supplying war materials. Dick Fisher ranks as the nation's best passer. The waterworks stack is removed after forty-seven years as a landmark. The office and building of S. S. Weaver is razed after eighty years. Goodyear leases Franklin Furniture for the duration of the war. The company will make airplane parts there. "A" gasoline ration cards are issued November 13. Clarence Smith and William Castleman purchase the stock of the Columbiana Milling Co. Mobilization is set for a December 7 mock air raid. A Shar-A-Ride Depot will open here. H. C. Nolan heads a new consolidated rationing group. Bill DeWalt is honored for outstanding athletic ability while attending Western Reserve University.

1943—Dick Fisher is selected by sportswriter Grantland Rice as All-Navy All-American left halfback. Columbiana Mahoning Guernsey Breeders hold a meeting at Keylor's Restaurant. Columbiana's total to date in the Victory Bond drive is \$475,000. Shoes are now rationed to three pairs a year. Mildred Miller reports to WAAC headquarters at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Frances Seederly arrives in India; she works with the Red Cross as a recreational director overseas. Junior Commanders send 65 pounds of silk hosiery to a defense plant in New York. Victory gardens are in the



Barney Millen, town marshal, when parking meters were installed.

limelight; vacant lots are needed. Butter, lard and margarine is rationed until March 29. A meat and cheese control is announced. An American submarine commanded by Lieutenant Commander William Ferrall sinks a Japanese submarine in the Pacific. Russell Calvin and Everett Warrick move their auto repair and body shop to 253 S. Main Street.

A tin can, waste fats, and hosiery collection is set for May 3. The government forbids the use of chocolate in Easter holiday novelty shapes. The Boiler Company is awarded a flag with a white star added for Army and Navy production. The Columbiana honor roll now lists 369 names. William Magill, reported missing in action, is the fourth war casualty; the others were Edward Kamery, York Drexler, and Harry Cannon. Tin cans will admit children to the Globe Theater. The Grace Church burns its notes of indebtedness. Part of Franklin Furniture is leased to General Tire to make life belts for the Navy. Hail as big as walnuts ruins area fruit and crops. (Johnny Weismuller in "Tarzan" is playing at the Globe.)

Staff Sgt. Robert E. Lipe, with the Army Air Force in Hawaii, is awarded the bronze oak leaf cluster with air medal. Columbiana's first WAVE, Elizabeth Moore, graduates. York Drexler's parents receive his posthumous award of the Purple Heart and medal. The American Legion discontinues the Street Fair; they'll turn funds collected over to aiding members of the armed forces. The fifty-five-year-old hotel owned by the Troll family is closed to the public. The Northeast Ohio Poultry Association installs 350 frozen food lockers. William Wardle is awarded the Purple Heart for burns received during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Lillian Lundgren takes basic WAC training at Daytona Beach, Florida.



1944—Lieutenant Maurice Lehman develops the Army's Carrier Pigeon service at Fort Benning. Everyone is reminded to turn in tooth paste containers for tin salvage. Corporal William C. Childers is killed in an airplane accident in the South Pacific. The Columbiana Hotel on South Main Street at the Pennsylvania Railroad is closed. Basinger's Greenhouse suffers a \$6,000 fire loss. The Mahoning-Columbiana Orchardist Institute is held here.

American War Dads organize here. Only one license plate will be issued after March 1; old plates are to be saved for scrap. The Distinguished Flying Cross for missions completed over Germany is awarded to Lt. Stanley Irons. The Fry Funeral home is sold to Homer H. Detwiler and his son, Fred. M. E. Litten purchases the Hanna Restaurant on North Main Street. Lt. James Fitzpatrick, a bomber pilot in training at Del Rio, Texas, dies in a bomber crash at Laughlin Field.

S. S. Stewart, of the class of 1894 at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, is awarded a Semi-Centennial Certificate. The Office of Price Regulations sets the price of a cup of coffee at five cents. William Schooley is killed in action. Curtis Stahl observes his 50th anniversary in the coal and building supply business. Farm workers from Jamaica are at work on farms here. The Simon Harrold sawmill, an old landmark, is destroyed by fire. George White closes his Barber shop. T/Sgt. David Doudna, a veteran of more than fifty combat missions against the Japs, is here on a visit.

A posthumous Mariners' Medal is awarded to William Magill. H. L. Chadwick, manager of Firestone Farms for the past 21 years, resigns. Pvt. Harold Firestone is killed in action in France. The Fraternal Order of Eagles organizes here. Lt. David Culp, a fighter pilot, receives a citation for excellence in aerial and ground gunnery. Julius Huegal purchases the City Market. Marjorie Miller becomes the first Columbiana girl to join the Marine Corps. Sgt. Albert De Rhodes receives the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in aerial combat. Lt. Richard Readshaw is killed in action in France. Charles Fisher, after 24 years with the Ledger, resigns to start his own commercial printing business. Meats and canned vegetables are now on the ration list.

1945—Wintry blasts usher in the New Year; many are marooned. Theodore Detwiler and Glen White are killed in France. Chauncey Wolfgang, writer of a Columbiana history covering 1805 to 1912, dies. Twin brothers are wounded in Belgium on the same day, Pfc. Robert Segesman and Pfc. Richard Segesman; the latter dies January 30 in an English hospital. Lt. William Mahon and Sgt. Ira Q. Culp are both killed in action in France. The Vegetable Growers of Columbiana and Mahoning Counties meet here. The Clippers win the Tri-County Title. Pvt. Mike Pavelko meets death in Germany. The order of Eastern Star celebrates its 25th anniversary.

S/Sgt Gilbert Robb gives his life in Germany. The Columbia Products Company, under the supervision of Franklin Furniture Co. will manufacture tarpaulins for Army trucks. Pfc. Clark E. McGourn's death makes the 15th local war casualty. Boy Scout Troop 16 receives its charter. Northridge wins the basketball "B" state title, defeating C. H. S. in the finals. Leo Sponseller heads a clothing drive for war-torn

countries. President Roosevelt dies of a cerebral hemorrhage; Harry S. Truman takes the oath of office. Lt. Harold Fisher, a Marine pilot, is killed in Illinois.

Everett Warrick heads the Booster Club. Final German surrender terms are signed May 6th in a red school house in Reims. The Columbiana Saddle and Bridle Club holds its first show. Lt. Jervase Crouse is a navy nurse stationed at Guam. S/Sgt Robert Chain is awarded the Silver Star. A bumper wheat crop sets a record here.

Japan surrenders unconditionally; World War II is over August 14. The Columbiana Pump Company is purchased by C. M. Hoover and associates from J. V. Stewart interests. M/Sgt George Herrmann is decorated with the Bronze Star. Robert Barrow receives a citation and a Bronze Star. Cpl. James Gardner is awarded the Bronze Star. Dan Miller sells his furniture store to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith. Diamond Welding will manufacture Rusco window units. The Grove block at the corner of South Main & Union Streets is sold to T/Sgt John Barrow. Sgt. Edgar Moser, U. S. M. C., receives the Bronze Star. Mayor Kenneth Gormley names a group to aid returned vets. Capt. Willard Ferrall is awarded a Bronze Medal. Columbiana's Municipal Light and Water utility is 50 years old November 30. Frank Snauffer, in business here over thirty years, retires and sells his business to John Donley.

1946—Roy Harrold retires from the H. J. Harrold Tool Co.; Emil Dubeck takes over. Columbiana's first public school kindergarten opens here. Myron Brubaker buys Mather's Market on South Main Street. Carey Houlette is appointed to a four-year term on the County Board of Elections. Dr. James Moorehead and Dr. Thomas King locate here. Columbiana's V. F. W. is formally instituted and given the name of York Drexler Post 5532, for a Columbiana boy who gave his life early in the Pacific War. National Rubber starts a new building in which to operate a foundry. "Bill" Miller opens a new appliance store on the Square. Lee Harrold is named floor manager of Columbiana Milling; Clyde Harrold is elected president. Colonel John Frye is awarded the Legion of Merit.



The Globe Theater, Cappock's, Bowles Drug, at the corner of Union and South Main Streets.

After thirty-six years as a druggist, C. B. Clapp retires and sells to R. D. Thomas. Walter Crawford and son, Lloyd, open for business in April, specializing in heating and roofing. Dick Fisher joins the University

of Pittsburgh staff. Charles Donbar is presented a safety merit certificate for 29 years of driving without a chargeable accident. Bowles Drug Store is sold to James Churchfield. G. Charles Fisher announces a plan for lighting the football stadium at Firestone Park. Richard Berryman, James Robinson and James Mollenkopf attend Buckeye Boys' State. Paul Reeves reports to the Church of the Brethren Relief Association to go to Europe with a boat of supplies.

Mrs. Nellie Mossey buys the Detwiler block on South Main. Lefty McKenzie becomes the first pitcher in the local softball league to hurl a no-hit no-run game. Al Wells and James Churchfield buy the stock of the Clapp drug store from R. D. Thomas. Myron Brubaker sells his market on South Main to Boyd Cunningham. Ohio is harvesting 969 bushels of potatoes per acre. Vaughn's Hatchery is sold to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Belieff. Sitler's Flowers opens one mile east of Columbiana.

1947—The Grace Church receives a gift of 110 shares of Firestone Tire and Rubber stock to buy a new organ. Central Porcelain Company is sold by Harry Yates to George and Arthur Huk. Columbiana Pump adds a modern foundry building. Chester Burbick, A & P manager here for thirteen years, is transferred to East Palestine. Richard Fisher will coach at Ohio State under Wesley Fesler. Fruit growers of Columbiana and Mahoning counties meet here. Louis Bair joins the Tidd partnership.

Coppock's Market is sold to W. H. and Eva Cleland. The Columbiana Clippers defeat New Knoxville 43-34 to win the Ohio State Class "B" Championship; school closes on Monday to celebrate the victory. A Booster Banquet ends the basketball season; class "B" champions are each presented with a watch. Irl Mollenkopf, with twenty one years here as a retail baker, sells his business to G. V. Rupert.

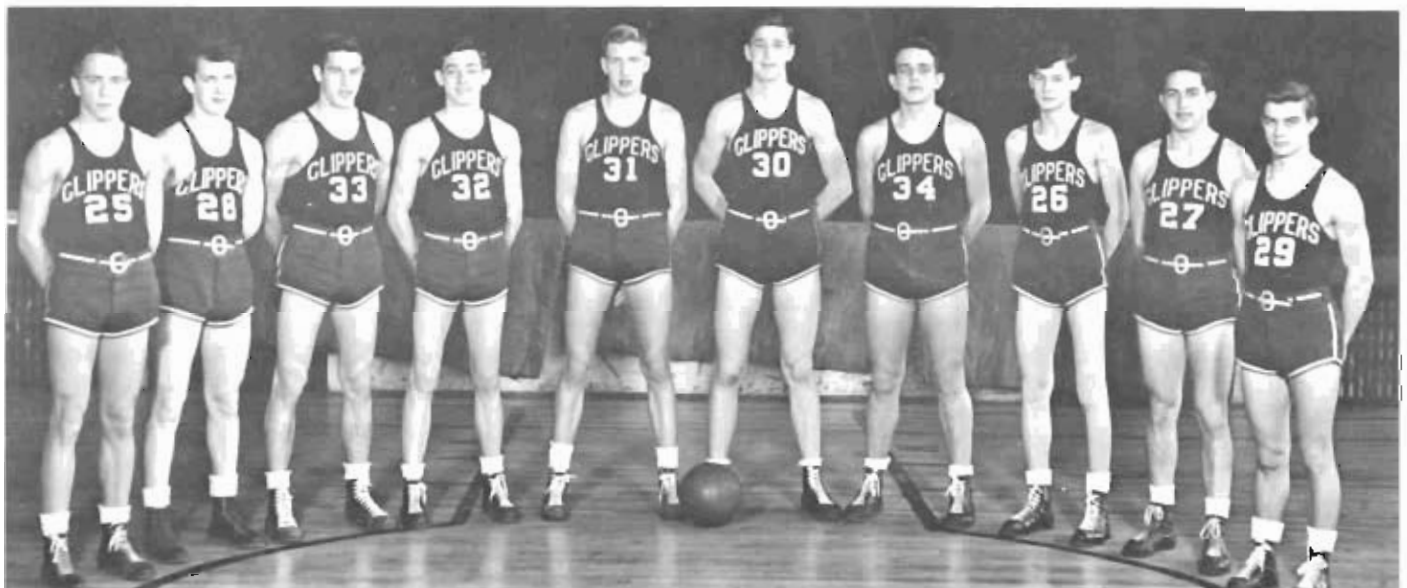
The Columbiana Schools add their first cafeteria. C. W. Huntington plans a modern garage on North Main Street to sell Kaiser-Frazer cars. Neeld-Welsh opens an airport and flying service on Route 7 at Middleton.

Coppock's Dairy store is sold to Frank W. Moreland. Reash Implement Service breaks ground for a new building at the corner of South Main and Railroad Streets. Dick Perkins, Bob Ferrall and Donald Miller attend Buckeye Boys' State.

Lois Antram attends the first Buckeye Girls' State. The Harrold Tool Company, founded in 1912 is sold to Emil Dubeck of Warren. Tidd's Department Store, here 58 years, gets a new front. John Cabas resigns to become assistant coach at Case School of Applied Science; he is succeeded by Jack Cramb. Valley Golf Course builds a new club house. Bob Patchen wins the One-Club Tourney at Valley Golf Course.

The V. F. W. sponsors the play "Cornzapoppin". (Oakdale fried chicken dinners complete with dessert are \$1.25.) McCarter Brothers announces its affiliation with Clover Farm Stores. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Richardson's "Bourbon Pot of Gold" wins first place in the yearly futurity at the All-Golden American Saddle Horse Show at Springfield, Missouri. The Y & S asks permission to cut passenger service. A new Federated and Ben Franklin Store is opened by T. J. Tidd and L. D. Bair. Clyde Richardson opens an Army supplies store on the Square. Special services for the laying of the cornerstone are held at the new addition to the East Fairfield Methodist Church. Boy Scout Troop 18 is established under the sponsorship of the American Legion.

1948—Harry Shaffernocker, a Firestone Park employee, is named temporary park manager, succeeding Robert Miller, who resigned. The last passenger cars run on the Y & S on February 28. George Manos, president of Manos Amusement Company, builds a new theatre on the square on a lot formerly owned by Harvey S. Firestone. Isaiah Mowen, secretary of Rotary for twenty years, resigns. The Western Union Telegraph office, located in Churchfield & Wells Pharmacy, closes. Russell Jewel, manager of the Park House, announces that Greyhound bus service between Columbiana, Pittsburgh and Detroit will be resumed March 25.



C.H.S. 1947 Class B Basketball Champions: (L. to R.) Dick Perkins, Russ Hum, Harry McBride, Rich Berryman, Don Esenwein, Richard Reinehr, Wayne Urschler, Lee Thomas, Sam Prizant, and Bob Peters.

Columbiana County is 145 years old. (Fresh sausage is 59 cents a pound at City Market.) Mrs. Martha Taft, wife of Senator Robert A. Taft, is entertained at the Legion Hall by the Women's Republican Club. Oaks & Barrow, Inc., open a new plant here at Oaks Welding shop on Prospect Street. C. H. S. graduates 45; Evan Lodge is the speaker. Expansion plans of the Columbiana Milling Co. include four concrete grain elevators. The Citizens Savings Bank marks its 25th anniversary May 12. Midway Grange celebrates fifty years of service.

Rohrer Builders Supply adds a ready-mixed concrete plant. The State Highway Department spends \$449,612 to build a railroad bridge over the P. R. R. tracks south of the intersection of Routes 7 and 14, a place known as Hum's Crossing. Delegates to Boys' State are James Hum and Richard Duff. Mary Lou Zellers attends Girls' State. Rotary launches permanent memorials honoring two boys who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II: the Theodore Detwiler Award to the best-qualified Boy Scout, and the James Fitzpatrick Award for 4-H Club Members.

"H. Successor Idabel", a Jersey Cow owned by Willis Rupert, is awarded a Ton of Gold Certificate by The American Jersey Cattle Club. Harold Truesdell purchases the Cunningham Market on South Main Street. Howard Groner purchases the Powell Sweeper Shop at 232 South Main. Dr. Harry Bookwalter resigns from the Columbiana County Health Board after twenty years' service. Columbiana will have bus service linking the town with East Palestine, Peace Valley, New Waterford, State Routes 7 and 46, and East Liverpool, operated by the East Palestine Coach Lines. Hill Motors erects a new building on the East Park Avenue site of the Fuhrman Carriage works and George Mentzer's livery.

The Columbiana "Youngs" play the House of David baseball team for the first game under lights. A stone found on the site of the first session of the Supreme Court of Ohio in the house of Matthias Lower is given to the Lighter Museum, St. Augustine, Florida, by Mrs. Cornelia Mary Hyland. Raymond Jeffries is awarded an honorary membership in the international Mark Twain Society. Mary Lou Webber and Edward Redpath are pledged healthiest girl and boy among county 4-H Clubs. Columbiana County's Soil Conservation Field Day is held at Sam Ward's 192-acre farm on New Waterford Road.

1949—Marjorie Miller receives her commercial pilot's license. Raymond Jeffries publishes two books, "Dutch Zellers" and "God is my Landlord". Moore's Restaurant on South Main is sold to William Howell. Dorothy Litten buys the Bunch Restaurant next door. Alton Witter, George Fisher and John Heintzelman will attend Boys' State. Charles F. Moser, manager of Northeast Ohio Poultry Association, is succeeded by C. T. Newsome. Virgil Hoover, owner of Hoover's Tire Exchange on the Square, sells to Galen Burt and Vernon Hoover.

Firestone Farms hosts a two-day program for vegetable and potato growers. Texaco picks a business site at the corner of East Park and South Elm Streets. The Hargoist Wholesale Fruit and Produce Co. is organized here with offices at 33 North Elm Street. Bill Newell starts in the Buckeye-Indiana game. The dedication of the new school auditorium and

gymnasium takes place during intermission at the C. H. S.-Fairfield game.

1950—Kenneth Gormley concludes his third consecutive term as Mayor; Erwood Calvin takes over. A Fairfield Township Farmers' Institute is held at the Centralized School. A capacity crowd greets Bill Newell, Wes Fesler and Dick Fisher at the Booster sports dinner; Newell was halfback defensive star on the O. S. U. team that defeated California at the Rose Bowl. Larry Brown, the former Columbiana boy who has been superintendant of the Ravenna Schools since 1939, is presented an Outstanding Citizenship award by the Ravenna Chamber of Commerce.

A Western Auto Store opens here with Clyde M. Helsel as owner. The Fairfield Band attends the eighth annual High School Music Festival at Mount Union College. The title of Potato and Vegetable Queen is conferred on Miss Lexa Sitler. John Laughlin, David Warrick and James Crook attend Boys' State. Patty Hum goes to Girls' State. Columbiana's population reaches 3,363. Kiwanis honors Dr. Harry Bookwalter for his fifty years' service here. Columbiana buys a new \$10,000 International L-190 Fire Truck. Hi McGrath is elected governor of Rotary Club's 229th District.

Holloway and Son observe their 75th anniversary. Rotary plans six cabins at the McKinley Scout Reservation. William Barr is named principal of Stow High School. The Methodist Church celebrates its 125th anniversary. Kiwanis Club brings the Mills Brothers Circus here to raise money for underprivileged children. George Seederly is appointed by Mayor Calvin to head civilian defense. E. P. Kurtz succeeds M. B. Lodge as Pennsylvania Railroad agent here. A temperature reading of 23 degrees below zero sets a record.

1951—Fire destroys the Stephens Building at 11 South Main and also wrecks Bundy's Restaurant. Arms Industries Inc. buys the Oaks & Barrow No. 2 Plant. Rogers' historic school, dedicated by Governor William McKinley in 1893, is destroyed by fire. A juvenile department is opened at the Public Library. Attorney Homer Hammond is elected president of the Columbiana Bar Association. George Robertson, Columbiana scout leader, is given the coveted Silver Beaver Award. Mrs. H. F. Richmond and Mrs. William Knotts organize the Columbiana Garden Club. Doris Blosser is salutatorian of Fairfield High's graduating class. Bruce Miller is selected to attend the World Jamboree of Scouts to be held in Bad Ischl, Austria. Lutherans announce plans to build a new addition. Ordination services for Laurin E. Detwiler are held at Grace Reformed Church. High wind and rain rip through the Columbiana area; two houses are struck by lightning, roads blocked, and fruit damaged.

Driver Education is introduced into the Columbiana High School curriculum. Willard Ferrall is called back for twenty-one months' service in the Army with the rank of Major. Pleasant Valley School, a 105-year-old landmark, is razed. Hoop Hollinger is named to the All-Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity All-American basketball team. The Enterprise Company is awarded a \$1 million contract for pipe-conveying machinery by the Lone Star Steel Company of Dallas, Texas. Firestone Farms is host to midwest farmers. Pfc. Donald Clark is killed in action in Korea.

1953—Fairfield Township signs a fire contract with



the village. Columbiana Machine moves to a new building on the west side of town. A bond issue for a new school gets 76 per cent approval. Council approves the appointment of William McGuckin as Chief of Police; Council also boosts the mayor's salary to \$1,680 per year. F. C. Russell Co. shifts its production to the Cleveland plant. The rerouting of Route 14, bypassing Columbiana, is set for a public hearing. C. A. Houlette is elected chairman of the Columbiana County Dairymen's Council. Kathryn Fuhrman is named village treasurer to fill the unexpired term of her father, Charles B. Fuhrman. Walter Thomas, an independent, is elected Mayor; Ray Spiker wins the toss in a tie for council.

Lew Way is elected president of the Chamber of Commerce; Bill Longshore is vice president and Bob Barrow is treasurer. Eldon Strausbaugh is hired to teach mathematics at Columbiana High School.

1954—The Historical Society of Columbiana and Fairfield Township invites the Public to inspect the materials gathered since its organization in 1953. Pitcher Wynn Hawkins signs with the Cleveland Indians. Glenn and Mary Rupert sell the Main Street bakery to Mr. and Mrs. William Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aiken. "Nicholas Firestone" will be the name of a new car on the Pittsburgh-to-Chicago run of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in honor of the original Firestone who settled in Fairfield Township in 1801. F. P. and L. J. Hoppes buy the Hoover Tire Exchange. The Church of the Nazarene buys one-and-a-half acres on North Elm Street. The new school will carry the name of founder Joshua Dixon. The Home Savings & Loan occupies a new building. Pennsylvania Railroad chiefs present a steam locomotive bell to the village.

Harry Eberhardt, general chairman of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, names these committees: Russ Lindsay, publicity and promotion; Edwin Dillon, finance; Robert Maurer, homecoming; George Seederly, parades; Charles Fisher, publications; the Rev. D. J. Voelm, churches; Elmer Detwiler and James Sitler, Columbiana and Fairfield schools; Mrs. Helen Maurer and Russell and Margaret Barrow, music; and Herbert Nolan, special attractions. Corinne Adams earns a trip to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D. C. John Mellinger, Lloyd Mackall and James Warrick attend Boys' State. Patricia Poulton goes to Girls' State. Carl Feicht sells his Pontiac Agency to Joseph Cerni of Warren. Rich Berryman will coach both football and basketball at C. H. S. The village has a \$216,229 bank balance as of January 1. The first piggyback freight goes through Columbiana. Barrett Cleaners is sold to Amos Campbell. John G. Ryan, who came here in 1911, sells his cigar store on Main Street to Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCormick and Eugene Hawkins. The first aquacade is held at Firestone Park. The Enterprise Company purchases the manufacturing and sales rights to Hoosier Saw. The Clipper Band plays at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus. Clyde Harrold's beagle "Riley" wins best of beagles at a Chagrin Valley show. Dr. W. L. Lehman, after five years in the U. S. Navy Dental Corps, comes to town. Charles Harper is appointed manager of Firestone Farms, succeeding W. M. Knuth. Willis Rupert is awarded first place in dairy production by the Cleveland Farmers Club. Don Fellers is given the Theodore Detwiler award as

Columbiana's outstanding scout, Mary Keck receives the Rotary Club Courteous Driver Award. The Pennsylvania Railroad petitions for a freight-only station here.

When Pamela Sue Schmidt was born at Salem City Hospital on June 8, 1954, she was the fourth generation in the family to be delivered by Dr. Harry Bookwalter.

Pamela's predecessors were her mother, Mrs. Walter Schmidt, 19; her grandmother, Mrs. Wilbur Spanabel, 37; and her great-grandmother, the late Mrs. Beulah Burkle, who was born about 1901.

Dr. Bookwalter entered practice in Columbiana in 1900.

1955—Dr. Harry Bookwalter receives a plaque from The Chamber of Commerce for 55 years' service to the community. Chief Harvey Hisey ends 53 years as a village fireman. The town votes to stay "dry", 4 to 1. Erwood Calvin is elected Mayor. Paul Wilms wins a seat on the County Board of Education. Dr. Harry Bookwalter dies in November at the age of 83. A Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation refractories plant is built at the western edge of the village. Robert G. Esenwein goes to the Antarctic on the U. S. S. Arneh as part of Operation Deep Freeze.

Cy McLaughlin, retired railroader, has a layout of eight model trains at his home. Hill's Shoe Store becomes Allen's Shoe Store, operated by Allen Wilkoff. Eighteen thousand see the colorful Sesqui-Centennial parade. David Warrick receives the coveted "C" from Case University. Mark Klingensmith becomes president of the Union Banking Co. as E. P. Funkhouser resigns. Mrs. Florence Campbell brings Welcome Wagon to Columbiana. Harry Eberhardt receives a watch from the Chamber of Commerce as "Man of the Year". The Park Hotel is under new management as Russell Jewel transfers his lease to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Householder and Mrs. Blanch Reed. G. Ernest Koch sells his print shop on Elm Street to Tom Avon.

1956—Edward and Leonard Olenik take over the Arms Industries plant to operate as Olenik Manufacturing Company. Grace Wise is honored by the Youngstown Rotary Club for money willed to the Rotary Home for Crippled children. The Ben Franklin-Federated Department Store, Sponsellor Jewelry, Center Drug, Adams Jewelry, Roller's Book Store, and McCaughtry Plumbing and Heating are all destroyed by fire on February 28. Kenneth Bailey receives the outstanding Scout award. The East Fairfield Methodist Church begins its building program; Rev. George Bailey is pastor.

John Bookwalter scores highest in the county on a state scholarship test. Bob Firestone bowls 299 in league competition. N. R. M. purchases the Crescent Machine Company of Leetonia. The Post Office is remodeling to nearly double its present size; S. E. Tidd is postmaster. Ed Miller is honored with an assistantship at Cornell University. Harold Atkinson is top speller. (The price of hair cuts jumps to \$1.25.) The Harrold Tool Co. begins work on a new plant west of town. The Columbiana Development Corporation, headed by Mark Klingensmith, buys the Main Street site swept clean by fire February 28.



Robert Hum is named principal at Dixon School. The Enterprise Company installs a new pipe-processing machine. George Burton becomes the first blind post supervisor for the Ground Observer Corps in the U.S.A. Dedication of the Hanna Memorial plaque at Firestone Park is held. Upon the Reformed Church merger with the Congregational Christian Churches, Grace Reformed becomes Grace United Church of Christ; Rev. Donald J. Voelm is pastor. Freeman Tyson buys the Deemer building at 108 South Main Street to open a store handling paint and wallpaper.

1957—Ground is broken for a shopping mall on Main Street. The town's first planning commission is organized; members are Mayor Erwood Calvin, Charles Fisher, Robert Powers, Ray Spiker, and Allen White. The Red Cross county office is moved here from East Palestine. Four Columbiana seniors attend a high school model legislation session at Columbus; Jim Bookwalter, Jack Dowd, Patty Paulson, and Carol Williamson. The new Nazarene Church building is dedicated. Kimpel Jewelry and Gift Shop opens a store in the new plaza. The route 14 by-pass opens. Otto Souder and his son Richard take over a stalled housing development at the north end of town.

The F. C. Russell Co. moves its headquarters staff to Columbiana. Promoters plan eighteen lots between Fifth and Sixth Streets. Twenty-eight Columbiana Rotarians attend an international service program at London, Ontario. Some West Germans are here to inspect the Kaiser plant. Four new class rooms are added to Dixon School and extensive alterations are planned for the high school. Luthur Donbar wins one of three county judgeships. William Stamets is elected president of Enterprise Manufacturing Company. First prize goes to Ellsworth Miller in the home lighting contest.

1958—John Ward Jr. is named "Farmer of the Year" by the Fairfield Ruritan Club. A solid brass steam whistle from the old N. M. Fuhrman Carriage Works is presented to the Historical Society. Mrs. Marie Dailey purchases the former Columbiana Restaurant. The Corey pony "Captain Black" is named best in the country. Jim Poulton is selected for the All-County Basketball Team and for the All-Ohio Second Team. Mark Klingensmith and Leo Holloway receive the Chamber of Commerce's "Well Done" for outstanding service to their town. Delegates to Girl's State are Peggy Hively, Ellen Long, Barbara Davis, and Jean Rupert. A Jaycees organization is formed here. New Waterford and Fairfield voters agree to consolidate their school systems.

The thirteenth Detwiler scouting award is given to Ken Warrick. Site for the proposed Fairfield-Waterford High School will be the Morris L. Kirk farm on Franklin Square-Middletown Road. Glenda Shasteen places second in the state student drivers' competition. Raymond Cole is appointed principal at Dixon School. Alan Hoffman, C. H. S. senior, places first in the county in an Ohio history examination given at Ohio University. Jerry Ziegler wins the first annual Fairfield Ruritan Corn Yield Contest. A deer leaps through the window of the Park Hotel on the Square.

1959—Mrs. Kenneth (Louise) Gormley takes temporary charge as postmistress following the

retirement of S. E. Tidd, who was postmaster for 26 years. William K. Stamets of Pittsburgh purchases all interest in the Enterprise Manufacturing Company. Wilbur and Dorothy Stratton are the new owners of the Columbiana Restaurant on South Main Street. An Easter egg hunt is set by the Jaycees.

Erwood Calvin and Tracey Powell attend Governor Michael V. DiSalle's industrial parley at Columbus. Kaiser spends \$750,000 stepping up capacity at the local plant. Gaylord Zellers is appointed supervisor of state roads in Ohio. Norman Spiker receives the Theodore Detwiler scouting award. B. D. Graham is named executive vice-president of H. J. Heinz world-wide operations. Miss Sylvia Smith retires after forty years with the Union Banking Company. The thirty-six year old B. & N. Transportation Company is taken over by Commercial Motor Freight.

Presbyterians buy the Harrold Property on East Park Avenue. Leo Holloway, the third generation in the Holloway clothing business here, retires. The village annexes a 441-acre tract on the south side of town. Jack Sitler and Glenda Shasteen win the safe-driving Road-E-O conducted by the Jaycees. Naughton Plumbing and Heating erects a new building at 235 South Main Street. Robert Bender, Tom Logan, and Jim Olnhausen attend Boys' State.

John W. Hawkins & Son are named Gold Star Guernsey Breeders for 1958. N. R. M. goes on a two-shifts basis. Lawrence Stacey opens a law practice here. Ohio Bell builds a \$62,000 addition to their building at South Elm and Friend Streets. Larry Esterly is awarded a G. M. scholarship. Frances Keylor is elected cheerleader by the student body of Heidelberg College. The Methodist congregation approves a \$140,000 addition.

1960—The building on North Main Street housing the Daniel Stouffer store in 1836 is torn down to make room for a new building to house a self-service laundry. Walter Burkhart and Arthur Stevens lease part of the old Harrold Tool Company building on Prospect Street to build furniture for W. T. Grant. Dick Fitzpatrick, after 50 years on Main Street, turns over the active management of Fitzpatrick Brothers to his son, John. Carey Houlette is named to the board of the National Dairy Council. York Drexler Post 5532 of the V. F. W. begins construction of a new building on North Main Street. A south side school is planned as Dixon begins to reach its capacity. Hawkins Day August 7 at Cleveland Stadium honors pitcher Wynn Hawkins. R. Donald Hisey is named street commissioner. Marcus Hum becomes fire chief. Miss Kathryn Furhman's Insurance Agency will build a new office on Main Street on a site purchased from Leila Beard. The Valley Golf Club is sold to Art Rohrer after 30 years' operation by John Ryan Jr. Jet car tires are tested at Firestone Farms. A friary and minor seminary will be erected by the Franciscan Fathers on Garfield Road north of town. The first Catholic mass here is held at Dixon School by the Rev. Fr. Paul M. Petric. Construction on the new South Side School, approved by 60% of the voters, will begin next spring on a site near the intersection of Pittsburgh and Duquesne Streets. Frieda Berryman is elected president of the Tri-County Federation of Post Office Clerks. Columbiana's official census count is 4,164. Girls' State delegate is Loretta Foertch. Boys' State delegates are Neil Joebchen and Otomars Vestfals.

1961—Fire sweeps a South Main Street business block; casualties include Wells Drug Store, Coughlin's Coffee Shop, Dr. R. M. Gaver's office, American Laundry and Dry Cleaning, Baron's Tavern, and Morrow's T. V. Service. Girls' State choices are Vaughn King, Linda Peppell, Susan Ferrall, and Beverly Keslar. A new chapter of the order of De Molay honors Roy E. Weaver. Betty Jean Barber is chosen Columbiana's outstanding Girl Scout. George Cook and Carl Bartholomew are killed in an explosion and fire at the Columbiana Boiler Company. John Lindsay, Dean Hetric and John Yacher attend Boys' State.

Ray Moser is the outstanding 4-H club member; Duane Spiker the outstanding Boy Scout. Edwin Dillon is named president of the Citizens Savings Bank. Ground is broken for the new First Christian Church at North Middle and Cherry Streets. Copeland Hills Golf Course opens. The Todd Insurance Agency is sold to Wayne Bauer. Clifford Orr wins "Queen of the Show" for his "Rubaiyat" rose at the Columbiana Rose Society show at the Citizens Bank. 5,000 see the Fourth of July fireworks display. A swimming team is started here under the direction of Carlyle Elser and Terry Tilley.

Ruritans plan their first annual chicken barbecue. The 75th annual Street Fair will be a four-day affair. Margaret Ferrall, teacher here for the past eight years, gets her Masters Degree from Kent State University. The William B. Miller Furniture Store is sold to Charles Cope. The Columbiana Bakery is sold to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mauch. A college aid fund is set up. Harry and Eleanor Kurtz make plans to reopen their store on Main Street. A retired men's club is sponsored by the Legion. Burdell Heck of East Park Avenue wins the Christmas lighting contest.

1962—Sam Sitler has a ringside seat at John Glenn's orbit of the earth. Peak Service, formerly owned by Bill Eaton, is sold to Carl Blosser of East Palestine. John Yacher and Sandra Grange are named top students at Crestview. The Columbiana Boiler Company ships a giant steel tank to Bombay, India. Ruritans elect Floyd Lower National President. Mrs. Martha Yoder opens the Vogue Shop. Raymond Brown receives the Wynn Hawkins award at Crestview High School. Roy E. Weaver receives the Lifetime of Service award from the Chamber of Commerce. Hope Mennonite Church purchases the former First Christian Church building at South Middle and Friend Streets. Dr. Hubert Keylor joins Drs. Moorehead and King at their clinic at 233 South Main Street. Karen Douglas is a cum laude graduate of Capitol University. The Polled Hereford Cattle Breeders of Ohio attend a Field Day at the S. E. Ward farm. Gaylord Zellers is appointed superintendent of State Highway Department Division 11 with jurisdiction over seven counties.

Harry Ray on his pony, "Banner Jr.", wins races at the Medina County Fair. Jerry Ray is a consistent winner at the Canfield Fair with his pony, "Beetle Bomb." The first Columbiana County Amateur Golf Tournament is held at Copeland Hills Golf Course. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes open the Hobby and Cycle Shop. Northeast Ohio Poultry installs an automated egg packaging line. The new South Side Middle School opens on September 30. Russell Barrow, active in

Scouting for many years, receives the highest award Scouting can bestow, the Silver Antelope award. Bob Patchen is named Civil Defense director by Mayor Lee Harrold.

In 1962, Science Fairs were initiated at Columbiana High School for junior and senior high students. The number of entries ran as high as 200, and entrants were encouraged to continue on to the Tri-County Science Fair, the Kent State District Science Day, and the State Science Day. After junior high students went to South Side School, interest in the fairs diminished, and the last Science Fair was held in 1974 with 29 participants.

1963—Richard Perrin, Brian Arbuckle, and Roland Knight are selected by Post 290 to attend Boys' State. Clipper Jim Ward sets a new state record in the 100 yard dash of 9.8, topping the mark of 10 flat set by George Gaines in 1919. Theron Lamoncha completes the twelfth expansion of his store on the Lisbon Road. A \$109,000 Ohio Fuel Gas Company office and service center will be erected at the corner of North Main Street and Allen Avenue. William B. Miller is elected Lieutenant Governor of the Kiwanis 19th Division.

Ballonoff Metal Products buys the F. C. Russell Plant. Two landmarks standing on lot No. 21 of the original plat of the village, owned by the Bookwalter family, are razed to make way for a Koch Motors parking lot. Robert Bott builds the Woodland Apartments at Woodland Avenue and South Main Street. Allen Heston retires as vice president of export sales for N. R. M. Dale Young is the Legion's first marksman to earn the rating of Distinguished Rifleman. Everett Warrick and his wife, Miriam, drive their 1914 Monroe in the 18th revival of the Glidden Tour. The first aluminum pre-fab home in Columbiana County is erected by Richard Soulder on East Park Avenue Ext.

N. R. M. spends \$154,000 to expand the local plant. Postmark fans convene at the Arthur E. Pfund farm on Eureka Road. Six hundred fifty Firestone employees are entertained at Firestone Farms. The V. F. W. drill team reorganizes and takes first place at the Chester, W. Va., homecoming. The village is granted \$270,000 by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare for a new disposal plant. The Girl Scout organization here is dissolved; former troops make application for membership in Camp Fire Girls. Donald D. McBride receives the Vail Award from Ohio Bell for Heroism. A \$40,000 blaze levels the barn at Arrowhead Lake.

1964—Hydrotherm announces plans to triple the size of the plant here. Al Barber earns the Eagle rank in Scouting. Arrowhead Kellering Company begins operation here. C. Paul Austin leaves to work as a Peace Corps volunteer in Chile. Henry Wining and Frank Hampton buy out Clarence Wining of Columbiana Cylinder Grinding Company. The railroad is permitted to install automatic gates in the village. John Bookwalter, son of Dr. Lee and grandson of Dr. Harry, earns his M. D. degree at Harvard University and accepts a year's internship at Boston City Hospital. Ronnie Yokely wins \$30 in a Chamber of Commerce Father's Day contest with best account of "My Pop Is Tops".

Franklin Furniture announces plans to build a

modern \$500,000 plant on the Columbiana-Leetonia Road. Robert G. Patchen is elected treasurer of the Ohio American Legion at the 46th annual Legion convention in Cincinnati. Lewis Engineering and Manufacturing Company of Alliance will occupy a recently-completed 11,000 square foot addition to the Harrold Tool Company building.

A par 3 Golf Course known as "Whispering Pines" will be built east of town by the Wilbur Garrod family. The National Association of Bankers Audit and Control Award plaque is given to C. W. Furney, outgoing president of the Columbiana-Mahoning-Trumbull bankers' group. The Clippers win the first district track title in the schools' history. Marion Heck qualifies for his second National Amateur Golf Tournament with a one under par. Presbyterians dedicate their addition April 26.

Golden's Flowers opens in the new plaza addition. Ryan E. Snyder is installed as president of the Columbiana County Independent Insurance Agents Association; Kathryn Fuhrman is re-elected secretary. Harry Eberhardt directs aid to area needy for a happier Christmas. Harry Lundgren's Santa's Workshop is the outstanding Christmas display. Grace Church celebrates its 150th birthday. Girls' State delegates are Ellen Antoinette and Maureen Isaksson. Attending Boys' State are Eric Keck and John Lake.

1965—According to Dun and Bradstreet, Columbiana has 171 businesses. Fire damage at N. R. M. Corporation is estimated at \$5,000. Robert Exten is district winner of the Legion's Americanism and Government Competition. Main Street Motors sponsors a station wagon for athletic, music, and other school purposes. Terry Wilson, Al Jones, and Ted Rupert receive Scouting's "God and Country" award at the East Fairfield Methodist Church. Valerie Powers and Cathy Curl are Girls' State delegates. Allen Grate is elected State Commander of Sons of American Legion at Dayton. A strike at Ballonoff Products is settled after 64 days.

Strong winds hurl a storage building roof 50 feet at Northeast Ohio Farms. Rotary sends four C. H. S. juniors to the World Affairs Institute at Cincinnati: Reba Cleveland, Karen Keck, William Snyder, and David Bevan. The First Methodist Church dedicates its remodeled sanctuary May 23. Four area Scouts receive God and Country awards at the First Presbyterian Church: Gary Schlag, Chuck Maxwell, John Maxwell, and Robert Foster. Sally Converse receives the James Fitzpatrick 4-H Club award and Robert Foster the Theodore Detwiler Scouting award at a Rotary meeting. The Presbyterian Church observes its 100th anniversary May 9. Kaiser Refractories adds a warehouse. David Rowland and Dale Young from Columbiana and William McQuiston from Crestview are delegates to Buckeye Boys' State.

Columbiana Jaycees sponsor a Soap Box Derby on the Fourth of July. Cynthia Dowdle is invited to sing with the Ohio Youth Choir at the 112th Ohio State Fair. N. R. M. is adding 38,000 square feet to its manufacturing facilities; Fairfield Machine adds an assembly room; Olenick Manufacturing adds 4,000 square feet to make asphalt heating plants. Rotary hosts the county's foster children for the 19th time.

Brenda White and her horse "Amber" are show

winners. The Columbiana schools expect a record 1700 enrollment. Grace United Church of Christ opens a \$70,000 drive for a youth center.

Johnny Golden's "Hoopie" record is released by Warner Brothers Records. Richard Pine is a delegate to the National 4-H Congress at Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. James Sitler sell the Dairy Queen to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Candel. Mrs. Edna Calvin is honored for forty years' service with Ohio Bell. Hyde Keylor will be station manager at the local Humble Oil and Refining outlet. The old railroad watchman's tower at the South Main crossing is removed to join the Canfield Fair Town.

1966—Trustees hire a planning director for Columbiana Community College. The Lutherans buy the Hyland property. The Ledger wins two awards in the Ohio Newspaper Show. Northeast Ohio Machine Builders receives a contract to build nine mobile shops. The old Grace Church parsonage is razed in the Youth Center project. Area Catholics create St. Jude's parish; services will be held at Dixon School until a church can be built. Linda Antram is Girls' State delegate. Al Wickline buys J. & E. Records.

John Cross, Terrence Knisely, and Richard Caldwell are Boys' State delegates. The CHS band captures a superior rating at the state contest in Columbus. Leo Dodge wins the Jaycee Road-E-O. King's Bargain Center opens in the Holloway building. Susan Ferrall graduates summa cum laude from Wittenberg University. The Jaycees' first annual auction is held at the barn behind Theron's Country Store. Kaiser Refractories plans a \$2 million expansion here.

1967—The Crestview Key Club adopts a Viet Nam waif. Mrs. Winifred Martin is Columbiana's first woman meter reader. Mrs. Annette Blair's two poodle pups get stuck in a drain pipe; Bob Naughton comes to the rescue. Mrs. Ira Hetric is designated "Woman of the Year" by the B. P. W. Mrs. Helen Buzard's residence is offered to the women of Columbiana as a meeting place for clubs. Marcus Hum, fire chief since 1960 and a member of the fire department for thirty years, resigns. Mrs. Hazel Troll, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for the past fifteen years, resigns.

Spanish-American War veteran John Hennon dies at 99. Elizabeth Crawford, Gayle Warner, and Ruth Neihsel attend Girls' State. A Next-to-New Shop, sponsored by the Columbiana Women's Club opens in the basement of the Buzard home. Mrs. Willard Ferrall and her daughter Susan qualify at Wittenberg College for the newly established chapter of Mortar Board. Jerusalem Lutheran Church begins a \$55,000 expansion-improvement program. Dean Stamp and William Gela from C. H. S. and Richard Fittante from Crestview attend Boys' State.

Legion Post 290 salutes Alfred Barrow, first Post Commander. The Bronze Star is awarded James Mercer for Heroism in Viet Nam. Mary Miller receives the James Fitzpatrick 4-H award and William Newell the Theodore Detwiler Scout award from the Rotary club. An "Old Columbiana" show by Harry Eberhardt is sponsored by the Women's Club at the Manos Theatre. Clifford Newell is the first student in the history of the Columbiana schools to finish number one in a statewide test, placing first in Earth Science. C. W. Furney is elected president of the National Union

Bank. Lance Corporal Stephen Harshman is killed in action in Viet Nam.

A trailer tract goes up at the end of Beverly Drive, built by Lee Lynn. Judge Luther Donbar is named "Senior Citizen of the Year" for the state of Ohio. Camelot Associates start work on a new apartment complex on the south side. Charles T. Cope receives the Army Commendation medal for service in Viet Nam. William and George Keller of Keller's Hardware buy the former Holloway store building on Main Street. The village buys property adjacent to the town hall. The National Union Bank buys property at 125 South Main and announces plans to put up a new building. The Vietnamese decorate Colonel Stanley Irons for gallantry.

1968 — Fairfield Machine ships a new mint system to the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia. Woody Hayes, coach at O. S. U., speaks at the Boosters Club Banquet March 25. Everett Warrick's 1910 E. M. F. receives the Thomas McKean's Tour Trophy. John Weaver is appointed to a position with UNICEF. Susan Souder and Joyce Naughton of CHS and Kathy Batchelor of Crestview attend Girls' State.

James De Atley receives an Outstanding Sailor Plaque from the Navy. Permission to erect a tower and sell cable T. V. connections is given to John Lipp of East Palestine. John Kampfer and his son Dale sell the Texaco Station on East Park Avenue to Lee Warrick. Specialist 4 Henry Hughes receives the Bronze Star for Viet Nam valor. Sally Lindsay is Columbiana County's 1968 Dairy Princess.

Army Chief Warrant Officer Russell Best receives the 17th thru 29th awards of the Air Medal. A medical laboratory is established at 21 North Main Street to be directed by Dr. William Kolozsi. Japan buys N. R. M. presses. Major Carl Sheets is awarded a bronze medal for performance in Phitsamulok, Thailand. Dale Young builds a multi-family dwelling at 245 South Elm. The village annexes 340 acres east of town. A City Loan office is the latest tenant in the village plaza. Bruce Bieshelt attends Boys' State.

1969 — After twenty-three years in the Columbiana school system, D. W. Bailey resigns as superintendent. The Union Banking Co. becomes the National Union Bank. Construction of Route 11 will doom Kelly's Park on Leetonia Rd. A petition asks the repeal of Columbiana's 1 percent income tax. Jack Cobb of Crestview is elected Lieutenant Governor of Key Club Division 19 at Mingo Junction High School. Rick Perrin is signed by the New York Giants football team. Army Major Richard H. Peterson receives the Distinguished Flying Cross.

St. Jude's parish kicks off a \$75,000 fund raising drive to build a church on Seventh Street. John Karlis becomes superintendent of schools. James Ferrall receives a presidential scholarship at Wittenberg. Jean Ann Richardson is named outstanding Camp Fire Girl by Rotary; Karen Cook is presented the James Fitzpatrick 4-H award; Mike Oliver receives the Theodore Detwiler Scout award.

Dr. and Mrs. Chester DeWalt are awarded the "Lifetime of Service" plaque by the Chamber of Commerce; Raymond Maurer is named "Man of the Year," Mrs. Virginia Pancake is "Clerk of the Year." Tennis courts are built at Firestone Park. Columbiana is buffeted by the worst storm in anyone's memory on July 4th. Ed

Curl is named the Ledger's "King for the Day" on Father's Day. Rich Berryman steps down as head basketball coach after sixteen years. A ten-week strike at Kaiser Refractories is over.

The income tax is voted out. A five-mill school levy is defeated. Fairfield Machine builds a 32 x 50 addition. Rohrer Builders Supply will build a 44 x 50 structure. Brian Birmingham competes in the All-American Soap Box Derby finals at Akron. Ohio Bell announces plans for a service center here. Gilbert H. Jording is named plant manager of Columbiana and Leetonia N. R. M. operations. National Union Bank moves across Main Street to its new home. Girls' State delegate is Susan Wetzel and Boys' State delegate is William Lodge.

When the Apollo 11 spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific in July 1969 with the first men to land on the moon, Cliff Young, CHS '23, was on board the recovery ship to sketch the historic event for posterity.

A nationally prominent artist, Young has many of his paintings and drawings in museums and private collections, and his historical paintings and location sketches are a permanent part of the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps Combat Art Collections.

A noted muralist also, Young has worked on some of the biggest murals in the country, including the one of the Lewis and Clark Expeditions in St. Louis.

He teaches at the Salmagundi Art School in New York, and is chairman of Foundation Courses, New York-Phoenix School of Design.

1970 — The Citizens Bank files a petition to merge with the Farmers National Bank of Salem. Jeanette Reddington, Verda Deeter, Laura Ross, Allen Rupert, John Gough, Jack Kimpel, John Handley, Bill Arn, and Gary Wilms leave for Guatemala to work on an Evangelistic Center there. After a three-months experiment, parking meters will stay in storage. Three area boys from one family are in the Army: Philip, Thomas, and Joseph Wawrosch. An Industry Appreciation Week is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce with Governor James Rhodes as speaker.

John Lake of the Jaycees and C. W. Furney of the National Union Bank accept plaques for outstanding achievement at the Chamber of Commerce dinner. Mrs. Sue Boring is named "Clerk of the Year" and Mrs. Ada Douglass is "Woman of the Year". George Tanner Smith and Associates, architects, will move into the former home of Northeast Machine Builders on North Main Street. The Church of the Nazarene on Elm Street announces plans to build an addition. Judy Converse receives the Fitzpatrick 4-H award; Wanda Shingleton, the Camp Fire Girls award and James Dillon the Detwiler Boy Scout award at a Rotary dinner meeting.

The former National Union Bank building is purchased by the A. A. A. for an office. Soap for Lutheran World Relief is made by members of Jerusalem Lutheran Church. Dick Fitzpatrick retires from the board of directors of the National Union Bank after 47 years. Direct distance telephone dialing starts July 26. Merger of the Citizens Bank and Farmers National Bank of Salem takes place under charter and title of the Farmers Bank. Bishop James W. Malone presides at the dedication of the newly constructed St.



Jude's Catholic Church; St. Jude's buys a rectory on Seventh Street. Zion Hill Church of the Brethren starts construction of a new education wing.

The town is still 126 shy of city status with a population of 4,874. Pamela Ossoff wins the Pee-Wee Golf Tournament for girls 7 to 9 at Mahoning Country Club. Donald Garver and Gary Evankovich are presented their "God and Country" awards at the Methodist Church. Commander Robert A. Dubiel receives a Presidential Meritorious Service award. Establishment of a Charter Commission is approved. The Masons buy eight acres of land on the Columbiana-New Castle Road as a future site for a Masonic Temple.

1971—Council sets in motion a plan to clean, deepen, widen and straighten Mill Creek between West Park Avenue and Salem Road. Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ryan Jr. send a gift of \$19,000 to the cemetery board to cover construction costs of a new chapel honoring the memory of John G. Ryan Sr. Specialist 5 Harry E. Dean is awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for service in Vietnam. Pants suits for girls are approved by the Columbiana Board of Education. Lee Hoover is elected Mayor. A storm and blizzard stalls the town for a day.

A new Explorer Scout Unit is sponsored by Jerusalem Lutheran Church. Bill Wilson sinks a hole-in-one at Copeland Hills. New postal rates are 8 cents for letters, 11 cents for air mail, 6 cents for post cards and 9 cents for air mail cards. The town buys the former Ohio Bell building across from the Town Hall to be used as a storage center by the Fire Department. Dick Fitzpatrick is awarded the "Lifetime of Service" plaque by the Chamber of Commerce. Richard Antram and Charles Lake are delegates to Boys' State. The top award is given Kevin Goist as Clippers receive letters.

Columbiana High School receives the Krecker Award for excellence in its science program, \$250 cash and a plaque from the Ohio Junior Academy of Science and Battelle Memorial Institute. Dr. Hubert K. Keylor is elected president of the Columbiana County Medical Association.

Girls' State delegates are Mary Kathleen Lower and Teresa Urbchat from C. H. S. and Carol Susan Yacher from Crestview. The Alumni Banquet held at South Side School marks the 80th anniversary of C. H. S. graduation; the oldest living school teacher, Hala Rymer, is honored. David Perkins has an Araucana hen that lays green eggs. Central headquarters are established here for the laying of 61 miles of coaxial cable underground by A. T. & T.

Elmer Detwiler and his wife, Marynetta, purchase Tyson's Store on South Main Street. The last stretch of Route 11 is opened for traffic October 22. Camelot section is annexed. The City Charter, endorsed by 53% of voters, will take effect in 1973. Town stays dry by a 400 vote margin. Columbiana becomes the first village in the county to hire Vietnam veterans with federal funds.

1972—Fairfield Machine Company builds a 92-ton billet shearer for General Motors. Waldo Ward, track coach here for 42 years, is taken into the "Ohio Track Coaches Hall of Fame" in Columbus. Police raids shut down V. F. W. and Eagles; liquor and gambling devices are seized; the V. F. W. home is put up for sale.

Patricia Newell and Deborah Caldwell are Girls' State delegates from Crestview. Work starts on the 106—unit Carriage Hill Apartments on West Salem Street.

John Hutson is installed as president of the Columbiana County Bar Association. Bob Barnes and Larry Newcomer are delegates to Boys' State from C. H. S.; Mike Batchelor is Crestview's delegate. The Youngstown YMCA offers a recreation program for boys and girls at Firestone Park. Diane Wise is selected to participate in the American Youth International Concert at Princeton, N. J.

Kiwanis celebrates its 40th Birthday. Gary Evankovich is toasted as area top Scout by Rotary. Roger Converse becomes the sixth member of his family to receive the 4-H award. Bruce Symons is selected to join the American Youth Symphony of Winds and Chorus on a European and Mediterranean tour. Fred Liston retires as assistant postmaster after 27 years' service with the post office. The historic Icenhour residence's interior and exterior fixtures are sold at public auction before the house is demolished. Dr. John W. Hanna takes over the dental offices of the late Dr. L. Harold Nelson. Walgreen Drugs announces plans to build in the Columbiana Plaza.

A fire burns out the American Legion's quarters. Zion Hill Church of the Brethren celebrates its 100th year. Albert E. Wardingley, city manager of Markham, Illinois, since 1965, is hired as Columbiana's first manager. Charles Dotson is chosen by fellow councilmen to fill the mayor's chair. Rural Supply at Middleton, operated by Cyrus Cooper and David Morlan, is half a century old. Central Garage on East Park Avenue is sold by Earl Hicks to Bruce and Carolyn Fiecht for a new auto service center.

1973—Dr. Leonard Pritchard is retained as chief of staff at Salem Community Hospital. Teresa Tatman is C. H. S. delegate to Girls' State; Susan Richardson is alternate. Candy Moore is Crestview's delegate with Mary Lynn Davis as alternate. East Fairfield United Methodist Church holds a dedication and mortgage-burning ceremony.

Columbiana Boiler Company breaks ground for a 7,000 square-foot addition. The village starts flouridation of water. Darryl Kiehl leaves to study in Japan. The historic former town hall building at West Friend and Lisbon Streets is offered for sale. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sweet attend the Youth Inaugural Ball at Washington D. C. Bill Keller retires as president of Keller's Hardware, Inc., after 41 years on the job. He's succeeded by his brother, George. Don Hisey, a village employee since 1958, steps down as Superintendent of Public Services to begin retirement.

Leslie Baker is first runner-up in the 10th annual Columbiana County Junior Miss pageant. Ralph Burnett receives the Scout "God and Country" award at the First United Methodist Church. Licensing of bicycles begins in Columbiana. Dr. Leonard Pritchard is made a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. N. R. M. leases the empty V. F. W. building to serve as a purchasing office. Lighthouse Christian School opens at Route 7 and Heck Road. The old bowling alley at 30 West Railroad Street is occupied by Twentieth Century Paint Company. The First Christian Church burns its mortgage at its 75th birthday celebration.

Miller Furniture plans a 34 x 124 addition to double

its display space. A pole-type barn is built at Firestone Farms to replace a barn built in the middle 1800's which had been destroyed by fire. Mrs. Jane Nicholson is one of 71 teachers attending a course on "Preservation of Principles of Freedom" at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. G. Charles Fisher, after 28 years as proprietor of Fisher Printing Company, sells to his partner of three years, Jack Sitler. A two-day open house is held in July by the Firestone Company at its Columbiana facilities. Phil Swope is named manager of the Columbiana Farmers Bank office, succeeding Edwin B. Dillon, who has retired after 27 years with the bank.

Harvey Firestone Jr. is laid to rest here. The utilities department and income tax office move into new first floor quarters at the Town Hall. Evan Roller is presented a Lifetime Membership plaque at Rotary's 50th anniversary program. The annual James Fitzpatrick 4-H award goes to Kathy Unkefer. The Theodore Detwiler Scouting award is presented to Dan Corll. Boys' State delegates are William Keller and Terry Chellinsky.

1974—The town decides to battle its nuisance pigeons; they'll be poisoned by a procedure outlined by Charles McGriff of the Wildlife Service. Marian Glenn, in the shoe business for the past 21 years, retires. George Herrmann, president of Columbiana Buick-Oldsmobile Company, announces the sale of his dealership to David A. Flynn. The vacant Penn-Central station is torn down after being partially destroyed in a derailment of twelve cars. The Columbiana Women's Club holds open house on its seventh anniversary. Rohrer Builders Supply erects a new batching plant. B. P. W. celebrates its 23rd anniversary. Kim Oberholtzer of C. H. S. and Joan Garwood of Crestview are selected as Girls' State delegates by the Legion Auxiliary. Tony Genova wins the 28th regional Grand Final Spelling Bee at Canton. Steve Burbick and Tom Gormley from C. H. S. and Philip H. Moore of Crestview are delegates to Boys' State.

Ground is broken for the new Masonic Temple on the New Springfield Road. The Icenhour warehouse on South Main Street along the Penn Central tracks is torn down. The Citizens office of the Farmers National Bank will take over the former offices of the Columbia Gas Company on North Main Street. Lisa Haines graduates summa cum laude from O. S. U. and is chosen student of the year by the English Department faculty. Nineteen members of the C. H. S. Spanish Club leave for a ten-days' stay in Mexico. Caroline Detwiler is recognized for traveling the greatest distance to attend the Class of 1959 reunion. Mr. and Mrs. William Arn, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bender and their children visit Guatemala.

While remodeling steps at his home at 114 South Elm Street, Bob Vollnogle uncovers an old headstone which suggests that his property may have been a Friends burial ground. The stone was that of Sarah Cassidy who died March 30, 1872. The Park House Hotel on the Square, with history dating back to the early 1800's, is closed and its furnishings sold at auction. David Tatman is given the Theodore Detwiler Scout award by Rotary. Joan Garwood receives the James Fitzpatrick 4-H award. The Chamber of

Commerce "Lifetime of Service" award goes to Erwood Calvin; the "Man of the Year" award is given to Mayor Charles Dotson. The Village proclaims Javier Cano Diaz, a Rotary Exchange student now attending C. H. S., its first honorary citizen.

1975—The town is told to hunt a new water source after evaluation by Moody and Associates, Inc. Markers will identify Heritage Buildings; the first one to receive a marker is the 135-year-old Fitzpatrick home on South Main Street. Wilbur Beck is elected to the vice presidency of the National Union Bank. Shirley Campbell is elected by her classmates as "Miss Student Nurse" at the 32nd annual commencement exercises at Hannah E. Mullins School of Practical Nursing at Salem. Open House is held at the new Masonic Temple after 120 years' operation in rented quarters. The Fairfield Ruritan Club helps outfit the Columbiana Volunteer Fire Department with Scot Air Packs.

Bicentennial plans are begun at meetings of representatives of 22 local organizations spearheaded by the Chamber of Commerce; Jack Sitler is named general chairman. "Stitch-N-Stir" is honored as the outstanding 4-H Club in Fairfield Township by the Ruritan Club. A & P moves out of Columbiana; the plaza location is leased to George and Bob Morris of East Palestine who will open a Golden Dawn store. David Tatman represents the Columbiana Council of the Boy Scouts of America at the annual Boy Scouts' "Report to the Governor" at Columbus. 141 C. H. S. seniors receive diplomas at Firestone Park; 88 Crestview seniors receive diplomas in the Crestview High School Gym. Paul Wilms graduates Summa Cum Laude from Kent State University. Rick Hum graduates Summa Cum Laude from the University of Cincinnati.

Richard Miller is named vice president and general manager of the N. R. M. tire machinery division. Flags break out on Main Street as the Chamber of Commerce flag fund goes over the top. A much-needed renovation of seats in the stadium at Firestone Park is begun. Ground is broken for a mini-mall on the north side of town following approval by council and planning commission. A crew from St. Jude's cleans up debris following the Street Fair. Tom Gormley paints fire plugs in Bicentennial regalia. The 150th Anniversary of the First United Methodist Church is celebrated. A log house on Railroad Street is donated for Bicentennial Headquarters and moved to its new location at the Square by the Barrow family; the lot on the square is a gift of the Bookwalter family. Protests are heavy over the proposed east end sewer project. John Hutson is nominated for district Governor of this Rotary Club region for the 1977-1978 year. "Lifetime of Service" awards of the Chamber of Commerce are presented to Willard Ferrall and Miss Kathryn Fuhrman.



## Business and Professional Men in the 1870's...

Daniel Deemer—Physician and Surgeon.  
 J. T. Barclays—Dentist.  
 Erwin and Cole—Dealers in Foreign and Domestic Groceries and General Merchandise.  
 D. Stouffer & Son—Dealers in Staple and Fancy Dry Goods and General Merchandise.  
 J. Esterly—Dealer in Fancy Dry Goods, Merchant Tailor, and Wholesale Dealer in Wheeling Nails.  
 Frank P. Farr—Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, etc.  
 Joseph Wallace—Dealer in Staple and Fancy Dry Goods and General Merchandise.  
 R. Strickler—Dealer in Foreign and Domestic Groceries, Ice Cream, and Ice (In Season).  
 Paul Metzger—Druggist and Dealer in Carriage Trimmings.  
 Icenhour & Company—Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Foreign and Domestic Hardware.  
 W. Lamb—Dental Depot and Druggist (Pure Wines and Liquors for Medical Use).  
 J. F. Sturgeon—Druggist.  
 J. C. Groner—Maker and Dealer in All Kinds of Carriages, Also Silver Plater.  
 Julius Quass—Manufacturer and Dealer in All Kinds of Carriages, Buggies, and Spring Wagons.  
 H. Koch—Manufacturer and Dealer in All Kinds of Carriages, Buggies, and Wagons - Repairing.  
 W. R. Knowles & Bros.—Manufacturers of Saddles, Harnesses, Bridles, Trunks and Satchels.  
 John Koch—Manufacturer of Saddles, Harnesses, Bridles and Dealer in Whips, Trunks, Etc., and Carriage Trimmer.  
 D. Robertson—Proprietor of Livery Stable.  
 I. W. Beeson—Proprietor of Livery Stable.  
 S. Brubaker & Sons—Manufacturer and Dealer in Furniture.  
 J. Flickinger & Son—Manufacturer and Dealer in Furniture.  
 J. Greenamyre—Proprietor of Sturgeon House, Stable in Connection.  
 W. Ferrall—Proprietor of Ferrall House, Stable in Connection.  
 P. Frason—Proprietor of Empire House.  
 H. B. Weaver—Proprietor of City Mills and Manufacturer of Flour and Feed.  
 J. Harrold—Proprietor of Steam Saw Mill on Section 9.  
 J. N. Peoples—Proprietor of Steam Saw Mill on Section 16.  
 J. Buslong—Proprietor of Saw Mill on Section 22, Broom Handles a Specialty.  
 J. F. Richey—Proprietor of Steam Saw Mill on Section 35.  
 B. Dilworth—Proprietor of Grist Mill on Section 32, Flour and Feed.  
 J. Voglesong—Notary Public and Insurance Agent.  
 J. Rohrbaugh—Justice of the Peace.  
 W. S. Hisey—Life and Fire Insurance Agent and Produce Broker.  
 J. Henry—Resident Farmer and Stock Trader.  
 J. J. Schauweker—Proprietor of Tannery and Hide Buyer (Canfield Road).  
 W. Wallace—Resident Farmer and Stock Trader.  
 H. Kridler—Farmer and Stock Dealer (Section 20).  
 George Hart—Farmer and Stock Dealer (Section 15).

J. J. Early—Proprietor of Woolen Factory, Carding Machine and Saw Mill (Section 8).

J. Boohecker—Farmer and Dairyman.

H. S. Werner—Stock Dealer and Farmer (Section 16).

F. Keller—Carpenter, Builder and Contractor.

J. Reinhart—Minister of Reformed Church.

L. D. Holloway—Resident Farmer and Teamster.

A. S. Snyder—Professional Teacher.

C. M. Brenner—Manufacturer of Barometers.



## Fairfield Township

Township No. 12, Range 2, Columbiana County, known as Fairfield Township, was organized in 1805. Most early settlers came from Pennsylvania or Virginia and within a few years every section of land was occupied by actual settlers. Most having sufficient means to begin their new life comfortably.

It is probable that Matthias Lower was the first permanent settler in the township. He was a native of Maryland but came here from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and squatted in the Valley of Bull Creek before the land was surveyed. This location did not suit him and he joined with William Heald in purchasing section 23, the northern part becoming his. On July 26, 1803, the first court organized and held in Columbiana County met at the house of Matthias Lower. The first case on the docket was the case of U. S. vs. Edward Campbell. One of the first sessions of The Supreme Court of the State of Ohio was held here June 14, 1803. The first attorney at law in Columbiana County was William Larwell, who was admitted to the bar at his house June 14, 1803.

Another early settler was Nicholas Firestone who came here with his brother in 1797, cleared the land, and built a log cabin. He then returned to Pennsylvania and in 1801 brought his wife, family and property in a wagon train. President Thomas Jefferson ceded this land to him in 1804, a tract of 640 acres, section 12 in Range 2. About twenty five years after he settled here he built a brick house, found a suitable bed of clay, devised an oven and built the house that now stands on the Firestone Homestead. In this house Harvey S. Firestone was born Dec. 20, 1868, a son of Benjamin and Catherine (Flickinger) Firestone.

In 1801 a large settlement of Quakers from Buck and Chester counties in Pennsylvania moved here. William Heald, a surveyor, and his five children settled on Section 26. His two brothers, John and Nathan, also settled here. The same year Samuel Oliphant and six children settled on the northeast part of Section 27. William Ferrall came from Campbell, Virginia, along with his wife and six sons and located on Section 22. John James, in the party that came with him, settled nearby and raised a large family. Isaac James and his eight children became residents of section 35 in the same year. In 1801, Ephraim Holloway Sr., his wife and two daughters from Culpepper County, Virginia located on the northwest corner of Section 36. Ten more children were born to them in Ohio. Joseph Frederick migrated from Erie County, Pennsylvania, in 1801, settling on the Cherry Forks one half mile east of the site of the old homestead. He was a cooper



trading with the Indians who camped along the Cherry Forks to hunt, taking his pay in deer skins, bear oil, etc. Much of his cooperage was made of red cedar dug out of the Beaver bottoms where it had been buried for years.

Joshua Dixon, his wife Dinah, and their eleven children moved to the township from Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in 1802, locating on sections 3 and 4. Joseph Brandfield, a Virginian, came here along with his three sons at this early period. About 1802, James Daniels located on a section here and sold to Lawrence Ney. John Beeson settled here in 1803 and soon afterward put in operation the first grist mill on Section 7 in the township. Then in 1817 he sold the property to Jacob Nold. As early as 1803, Caleb and Jesse Cope settled on the eastern part of section 18. Isaiah Garwood was a settler on Section 28 before 1803. Joseph and Benjamin Stratton settled on section 32 and D. Galbreath, Alexander Rogers, Jesse Lewis and the Freed Family settled in the southern part of the township. John Crozer, the first Justice of the Peace, settled here about the same time. West of Mr. Crozer on the New Lisbon Road. Abel Lodge was an early settler who moved to East Fairfield and became an innkeeper. In the same locality John Aldorfer settled near Middleton. Henry Dixon settled near his sons-in-law, John Woods and John Cope. Nearby lived John Allman as early as 1802. Joshua and Joseph Wood settled on section 13 in 1804. Coming here from western Pennsylvania, about the same time, George and Jacob McGregory settled in the same neighborhood.



Amos Detrow barn, Beeson Mill Road, Section 6.

On July 4, 1804, John Michael Esterly and his family, natives of Germany, landed in Baltimore and began their journey west, arriving here in the fall and settling on the southwest corner of Section 5. There were four children, one having drowned at Allegheny City. Michael Fox lived on section 16 as early as 1804. Jacob Hum Sr. and his wife, Elizabeth Long Hum, along with their three sons, John, Jacob Jr. and David, settled on section 14 in 1806, coming from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Sons George and Adam and daughters Margaret and Elizabeth were born in Ohio on the same section. William Kimball and John Job were early settlers on section 15. Charles Fitzpatrick was an early settler. On the same section John Windle located in 1807. Peter and William Bushong were pioneer settlers about 1807. Nearby were Thomas Dillon and Michael Coxen, the latter making the first bricks used in the township. Before 1809 other pioneers were John Keller and also

Rudolph Baer, who had been a representative to the first Constitutional Convention in 1802. The immigration now became so great that it is impossible to give an extended account of the pioneers, but Levi Antrum, William Hickman, Samuel Wallahan, Jesse Allen and David Hardman all merit a place among the early settlers.

In accordance with the order for organizing the township the first election was held at the house of Michael Fox, on April 1, 1805. Robert Hanna was Chairman, John Bradfield and Samuel Oliphant were appointed judges, and Thomas Hanna and William Heald were named clerks of the meeting. Twenty-seven votes were polled and trustees elected were Caleb Cope, Robert Hanna and Nicholas Firestone. Clerk and treasurer was Benjamin Hanna; overseers of the poor were William Ferrall, Isaiab Garwood, Lester and John Dixon; house appraisers were William Winders and John Dixon; fence viewers were Jacob McGregory and John Wood; Road supervisors were Joshua Dixon, Isaac James and Joseph Bradfield. John Crozer was named Justice of the Peace.

## Hamlets and Villages

### UNIONVILLE

In the northern part of section 19 on the New Lisbon Road a tavern kept by Colonel Allen Way about 1839 was the beginning of a small hamlet of about a dozen houses. There was a fine spring there and his house became a favorite stopping place and became known as "Cool Springs". Colonel Way platted a hamlet there and gave it the name of Unionville. James W. Estill opened a store there and after about seven years he was followed by John Clapsaddle. Robert Long and William Slutter operated wheelwright and blacksmith shops. There were also a number of shoe shops. Matthias Linsman was a Mennonite minister there.



On the way to do a farmer's threshing.  
At left, Frank Rohrer, driver.

### MIDDLETON

This village was originally platted on section 23 by William Heald soon after the settlement of the township. Albert Sharpless built the first house. No stores were opened until about 1836 when Millhouse and Mendenhall opened a store on the Fairfield road east of the square. Several years later C. D. Bassett engaged in merchandising and later J. Hamilton and Son had a store. Others in trade have been W. D. Chidester, William Thomas, Nathan Cope, Thomas Taylor, Hum and Co., George Frost and of course the Cyrus Cooper family who have operated a business there for many years. There has never been a post



office or public house there, although for a time a post office was located at Mosk nearby. In 1879, Middleton had several good shops, two school houses, one belonging to the Friends, and three churches. Its population was 180. Mifflin Cadwallader manufactured brooms. Around 1865, William Shaw had a chair factory and a steam-operated lathe for turning broom handles. David Wickersham operated a shingle machine and later Wickersham and Inman had a cider press, both operated by steam. Fruit culture and preparation of it for market was the chief industry. In 1878 Wickersham, Brown and Co. began the manufacture of fruit baskets. The machine used for cutting splints was invented and patented by the firm.

#### EAST FAIRFIELD

East Fairfield, on section 36, was founded in 1803 by John Crozier and John Bradfield. It is the oldest and, before the advent of the railroad, it was the most important village in the township. The first merchants were Robert Craig, William Waterworth and the Hannas. Others engaged in trade were Thomas R. Knight, William Ensign, George H. Brown, William Henderson, Joseph Morgan, Robert Glass, B. J. Ferrall, Samuel Crozer, William L. Young, George Pitzer, and L. L. Beck. In 1841, James M. Taylor and Frank Shoemaker were in business there. Abel Lodge operated the public house most noted for lodging and good food. His house was on the road between Pittsburgh and Wooster.

The Post Office is one of the oldest in the county. The village was on the old stage coach route and was supplied with mail before 1809. John Crozer was the first postmaster.

Joseph James had a tannery which was taken over by B. J. Ferrall and carried on for forty years. The father of President William McKinley was in the foundry business here many years ago. Other foundry men were Israel Thompson and Jacob Reep. Plow making was carried on by Reuben Beans. Later, Austin McConnell manufactured engines and farm machinery. Isaer Low had a cooperage and cider mill. Robert Martin carried on the cabinet maker's trade. The first physicians were Gustavus Allen, Sylvanus Fisher, and Charles Key. C. P. O'Hanlon, H. Mahoney, Frank Scott, and William R. Grainger were also early practitioners.

The stock growers association of East Fairfield was established in the spring of 1872 by Isaiah Holloway, Thomas Holloway, C. P. O'Hanlon, Isaac Stallcup, T. B. Cook, and others who combined to establish monthly cattle sales at or near East Palestine. This proved so satisfactory that they held a fair in 1872 and several years afterward.



Moving day on the farm. Marcus Flickinger is next to the telephone pole. Left to right, Clarence, Ardia, Mabel, Ernest, Mrs. Kerrick, Hazel, Frank Rohrer, the dog, and E. E. Rohrer.

## Excerpts from the Fairfield

### Township Minute Books:

1821 — Abraham Myers was fined \$2 for not taking care of his duties as overseer of the poor.

Nicholas Bishop, for service in warning township officers of their election, was paid \$2.05.

Paid Overseers of the poor in keeping Charity Field, an orphan, \$52.75.

The "Charity Field" of the item above was a foundling who had been discovered in September 1820 in an open field near the southern boundary of the township by residents of a nearby farmhouse.

The child, who was about two weeks old, was given the name "Charity Field" by that family, who were able to care for her only a short time. They turned her over to another family in the neighborhood, who took care of her for eighteen months before appealing to the township trustees for aid.

It was the custom of the time for the authorities to entrust an orphan to people who would provide care for the lowest possible allowance from the trustees. In "Charity Field's" case, the Daniel Hisey family was low bidder at \$20 a year, so she was given to them to raise.

They changed her name to Lydia Green and she lived with the family until she married John Koenreich in 1854. She died in 1905 at the age of 85.

1824 — Paid John Firestone for services rendered as constable, \$1.57.

Paid John Hisey for services as overseer of the poor, 50 cents.

Paid Daniel Hisey for use of house room for township meeting, \$1.00.

1825 — "To any constable of Fairfield Township: You are hereby commanded forthwith to order Samuel Heever to depart the township forthwith."

Paid Matthias Lower for services as supervisor for the year, \$5.25.

1827 — Paid Jacob Hum for services as Supervisor for the year 1826, \$4.50.

Paid David Hanna for keeping and removing Joseph Paxson, \$1.00.

1828 — Paid Peter Firestone for services for 1827, \$5.00.

Four road districts set up in the township.

1831 — Paid Samuel Blackburn for mending scraper, 50 cents

Paid John Windle for house room to accommodate township officers, \$2.00.

Trustees recognize an act passed by the General Assembly of Ohio in 1826 to incorporate the Social Library Society in the township.

Trustees recognize acts passed in 1824 and 1828 to provide roads from East Liverpool to Warren, New Lisbon to Columbiana, and Salem to East Fairfield.

1837 — Fairfield and Beaver township trustees met at

the house of Christian Scharleys for the purpose of dividing the making and working of a road recently established on the dividing line between the townships known as Scharleys Road, now a part of Route 14-A.

Fairfield and Unity township trustees met at the home of William Altman regarding the opening and keeping of a road recently laid out known as Harmon's Road.

- 1838 — Indenture between Isaac Garwood and Lot Holmes. Isaac Garwood has bound his son, Isaac, to Lot Holmes to learn the trade and mystery of tailoring for four years and eleven months.
- 1839 — Trustees vote to attach school district No. 7 to the town of Fairfield.
- 1842 — Fairfield and Beaver township trustees meet to apportion upkeep of new state road leading from Canton to Pennsylvania state line.
- 1844 — Salem Township, Meigs County, orders that a pauper by the name of Samuel Beans be returned to his home township of Fairfield who shall pay for his expenses. Paid for services of the overseers of the poor, Salem Township, \$4.75; R. C. Thomason, one palm leaf hat, 12-½ cents; one cotton hanky, 12 cents; passage on boarding, \$2.00; five days' service at 50 cents a day, \$2.50.
- 1847 — William Sturgeon appointed trustee to replace Peter DeHoff, who died of consumption on February 24, 1847.
- 1853 — An ordinance enacted for the suppression of houses, shops, stores, and places of resort for tippling and interference within the limits of Fairfield Township.

William Geiger, who moved to **Headwaters Farm** south of Columbiana in 1856, **planted** the first commercial peach orchard in the area. The white peaches he grew at first proved **unpopular** with his customers, so he switched to **yellow varieties** and did very well. Buyers came all the way from **Youngstown** for Geiger's peaches.

- 1865 — David Strickler, elected as a trustee, refused to serve. Jacob Hum was appointed to fill his position.
- 1871 — Paid for contract for bridge near Bushong's Mill, \$55.00.
- Henry Kreidler ordered to remove corn fodder now occupying road ground.
- 1872 — Special permit issued to Isaac Garwood to allow his cow to run at large.
- Special permit granted to Isaac Mankin to allow his cow and two hogs to run at large.
- For the burying of William Vanderline, an indigent: paid to J. Flickinger for a coffin, \$20.00; paid to George Knox for shaving and dressing, \$3.00; paid to Joshua Leaf for digging grave, \$2.00.

On the morning of December 12, 1872, Urban G. Porter murdered his two small daughters at the family home about three miles southeast of Columbiana.

Porter struck the eldest child, Minnie, aged three years, several blows with the hatchet on top of the head, killing her instantly. Then he seized the younger,

Adaline, age one, and struck several blows on her head which resulted in immediate death.

He was tried December 8-26, 1873, and sentenced to be kept at hard labor in the State Penitentiary for life.

- 1873 — Taken by Charles Roth, a dapple grey horse, a stray, fifteen and one half hands high, about five years old.
- 1874 — Augustine Windle awarded \$200 damages for construction of Columbiana-Middleton Road.
- Electors of township No. 502 voting on new constitution of state of Ohio: for, 100; against, 395.
- 1875 — Stray white hog, about 175 pounds, about one year old, no marks or brands, found by David Strohaka.
- Vote for district No. 4 supervisor decided by lot. John A. Estill received office.
- 1877 — Notice: Any person giving or selling intoxicating liquor will be prosecuted under Bill of 2-18-75.
- 1879 — Supervisors to allow \$3.00 per day for a team and \$1.00 extra in cases where owner works the team and plow and scraper by himself.
- 1888 — Local option for sale of liquor: for, 106; against, 224.
- 1889 — Ballot on new jail for Columbiana County: for, 109; against, 382.
- 1894 — Removal of pig sty near Leetonia Creamery ordered.
- Paid Daniel Bushong \$1.50 for sawing pickets for East Fairfield Cemetery.
- 1895 — Persons warned to stay away from the Jacob Stewarts, residing on Jacob Gilbert's farm on the Columbiana-Washingtonville Road because of infectious disease (scarlet fever).
- Fruit growers petition trustees to enforce extermination law on black rot on plums and cherries.
- 1897 — Henry Staley, township treasurer, instructed to rent a box in Shilling and Company bank for the use of township funds.
- 1901 — Contract for township doctor let to Dr. Frisbie for \$69.50 per year.
- 1902 — Vote of thanks to Charles Ink for old township records which had been lost and were found by him.

In 1905, Fairfield Township produced 24,500 bushels of wheat, 315 of rye, 80 of buckwheat, 56,000 of oats, 29,500 of corn, and 27,000 of potatoes. 6,400 tons of hay and 3,310,000 gallons of milk were produced, and 72,000 pounds of butter and 137,000 dozens of eggs were sold.

There were 715 horses, 1660 head of cattle, 1800 sheep, and 800 hogs. There were 49,300 bushels of apples and 745 bushels of cherries.

- 1906 — George Yerian of Unity Township presented claim for horse and buggy injured near New Waterford in December 1905.
- Petition to release the treasurer from liability caused by failure of Shilling and Company Bank to be submitted to electors of township at next regular meeting.

- 1907 — Authorization to institute legal proceedings to recover from W. T. Holloway, treasurer, \$8,813.04, amount lost by failure of Shilling and Company Bank.
- 1908 — Motion to pay township clerk \$120.00, township doctor J. A. Mellon \$95.00 for year ending 1-1-1909.
- 1920 — Labor, 50 cents an hour; supervisor, 60 cents; teams, 80 cents.  
Board against new law of health board allowing deduction of \$282 from 1920 taxes.
- 1922 — Put in watering trough near Moore farm south of Middleton.  
Unlawful to park cars on north side of Leetonia Road between Wilderson barn and residence.
- 1927 — Certified to county auditor: general fund, \$973.74 ; poor fund, \$787.20; cemetery fund, \$65.00; poor fund \$698.36; drug fund, \$261.84; pest fund, \$4.50; total \$2,790.64. W. L. Cope, Clerk.
- 1931 — Fairfield Potato Club organized at Fairfield High School. Boys' Pig Club meets at home of Merle Esenwein.
- 1932 — Discussion of annexation of Columbia Street to Leetonia. Employed attorney.  
Bought seed potatoes to be distributed to poor for planting, also seeds and plants. Distributed according to size of family.

The 1933 discovery of a spring on the William N. Cope farm as the source of Mill Creek climaxed at least thirty years of searching.

According to an account given at the October 7 dedication that year by Bruce Rogers, who, along with John Chase, made the discovery, his brother, Volney Rogers, founder of Mill Creek Park, first searched for the source in 1903.

Much later, in 1921, Chase and his daughter, Catherine, took a series of walks in the area but failed to pinpoint the source.

In early September of 1933 Chase and Paul Kuegle, sure that they were on the right track, followed a trail of low ground, passing almost entirely around the spot where the spring was eventually found.

Just a short time later Chase took Rogers to see a pool they had found just west of the Fairfield Centralized School. Neither was satisfied that this was what they were looking for, but they were inspired to begin a methodical search which ended two days later in the discovery of the spring.

"The exact spot where Mill Creek rises," Rogers said, "is a divide from which Little Bull Creek flows south toward the Ohio River and First Creek, by which Mill Creek is known in the vicinity, starts north toward the Mahoning River."

Rogers' account is printed in Charles Burleigh Galbreath's book, "Mill Creek Park and the Source of Mill Creek", published in 1934, and reprinted in the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly of April, 1934.

- 1934 — Route 14 damaged by extreme winter, to be paved with concrete. Contract at \$51,346.
- 1935 — Relief to poor or unemployed turned back to

subdivision. Board instructed clerk to issue provision orders on 1st and 15th each month.

- 1939 — Fire prevention contract with Columbiana village, \$25.00 per call; \$1.25 per hour for firemen.
- 1940 — Take over maintenance of Middleton Cemetery.
- 1941 — Charles E. Keller appointed to complete the term of William Keller, who went into military service.
- 1942 — Resolution to participate in civil defense.

## From the Docket of George Lamb, Justice, Fairfield Township:

August 13, 1858—Simeon Hardman, charged with swearing and using debauched language in the presence of women on August 1.

October 12, 1858—Complaint by Maria Davis, village of Columbiana, that one Joseph Wolf came into her store and used abusive language and being drunk at the same time and swore. "Maria requested that I (E. H. Peart, Constable) go down and get him out of the store. On going down to the store of Maria Davis I found the defendant on the sidewalk swearing and a crowd around him. I requested him to go home, he refused to go and swore he would not." Fine, \$1.00 and costs of prosecution.

March 16, 1859—George M. Mankin, a citizen of Columbiana, gave information that a person of the name of Thomas McFadden had entered on the night of March 15 a house that he was building for David Lebtt in the village of Columbiana and stole out a quantity of carpenter tools to the value of 30 dollars. The prosecutor followed him to Pittsburgh and had him arrested and brought him to Columbiana March 17. Mankin filed an affidavit with me affirmed to have had the tools stolen and also identified the property and found in possession of the prisoner, Thomas McFadden.

May 26, 1859—Joseph Clunk and John Shaffer were arrested by Joseph Hively, Constable of Fairfield Township, and charged with fighting with fisticuffs, thereby breaking the peace. Joseph Clunk, fine \$1.50; John Shaffer, fine \$3.00 and \$1.00 costs and a promise that he would do better in the future.

September 26, 1860—John Witt, a citizen of Columbiana County, Ohio, made information before me and filed an affidavit for a search warrant against Valentine W. of the township of Fairfield in said county charging him with making away with his (Witt's) hog in a felonious manner.

John Wilson, constable in charge during the absence of Joseph Hively, issued a search warrant. On the 26th day of September went to the residence of Valentine W. and made search for the hog supposed to have been stolen but could not find any clue to the property except some pigs feet and some backbone. Addam Hum, one of the assistants in making the search, found seven buckets which had been stolen from him. Also found was a log chain said to belong to George Glopser and bonnet belonging to Fletcher Woods wife found in a box. We also found a lot of railroad iron and tools supposed to belong to the PFW and C Railroad

Company. All of above items we found on the premises. \$15.15 fine.

## Early Livestock Brands

Since there were no fences, cattle, sheep and hogs roamed at will. As a result, there was considerable controversy as to ownership. As early as 1805, brands were registered with the township clerk to prove ownership. Here are descriptions of some of these brands along with the dates they were registered:

William Ingledue (1805)—Underbit out of each ear and a slit in left.

Benjamin Stratton (1805)—Crop off the right ear and one half crop off underside of left.

Thomas Wrights (1805)—Underbit out of each ear and swallowfork in left.

James Erwins (1805)—Underbit out of each ear, crop out of right.

James Daniels (1806)—Swallowfork on right and half crop off upper side of left.

Michael Fox (1806)—Transferred to Samuel Coffman (1836)—Half crop off upper left ear.

Benjamin Hanna (1806)—Crop off left ear and underbit out of right.

John B. Bradfields (1806)—Two slits in right ear and crop off left.

John Healds (1806)—One half crop off upper side of right ear.

John Crogers (1806)—Crop off left ear and slit in same.

Peter Bushong (1806)—Slit in left ear.

Jacob Keller (1806)—Hole in left ear.

Daniel Hisey (1815), transferred to John Hum (1837)—Crop off each ear and underbit on same.

John Windle (?)—Crop off right ear and hole in left.

Charles Fitzpatrick (1810)—Slit in ears and underbit in left.

Henry Hisey (1824)—Crop off right ear and upper underbit of same.

Stephen Embrees (1837)—Swallowfork in each ear, and his brand "S. E."

Ellis Cope (1846)—Slit in right ear and crop and underbit off left.

## The Columbiana Schools

As far as can be determined, the first attempt at schooling in Columbiana was in 1813, at which time a Reformed Minister by the name of Mahnenschmidt, residing in Old Springfield, came here and held catechetical exercises in the Village Tavern (later the Park Hotel).

Then on August 13, 1814, the School & Meeting House Society of Columbiana was organized. The object of the society was to build a school house on a lot of ground granted by Joshua Dixon, the proprietor of the town.

The building was erected forthwith, a structure of ash and poplar logs, with chinks filled with clay, on the site where the Grace United Church of Christ now stands. The understanding was that it was to be used both for a school and for religious purposes. Here, for seven years, the youth of the village secured their education.

Since there were no funds, the Society gave the school master the privilege of charging a dollar and a half a pupil for three months' education, and the further privilege of being freely boarded in the cabins of the neighborhood in rotation. Each housewife tried to outdo all the others in feeding him, so he was probably Columbiana's best fed citizen.

The Reformed and Lutheran congregations, who had worshiped in the log cabin, prospered and in a few years had money enough to build a Union Church. They tore down the log house and for the next ten years there was no schooling available except that furnished by young men of ability and education who sometimes volunteered as teachers.

In 1832 a compulsory education law was enacted, providing for the raising of school funds by taxation. As a result, a frame structure was erected on the corner of Elm Street and Main Cross (East Park Ave.). Then in 1846 this school was replaced by a one story brick building with two rooms. By 1860 this building had become too small. One faction wanted a new school, but another bitterly opposed it. A discussion began which might never have ended had not a fire of suspicious origin wiped out the building. This settled the question.

District Number Two (Columbiana Union School) had been organized as a special district, with a Board of Education, which included David Woods, Jacob Greenamyre and Michael Henry. They bought a plot on the northwest corner of Pittsburgh Street and Elm Street, and in 1861 began the construction of a pretentious brick school, nicknamed "the big palace". This school took four years to build, because of the Civil War Shortages.

In the meantime, to bridge the gap, private schools sprang up. Mrs. Clara Augusta Haas opened a private, or select school, on the second floor of a building owned by William Wallace on West Street. She called this the Chestnut Hill Seminary. Harriet Haas, her daughter, assisted her. A famous character known as "Auntie Craig" taught the little folks. Private schools were also established at this time by James Davidson and Mrs. Elizabeth Close.

The big brick building opened in the fall of 1864, with George Luckey, as headmaster or principal. The term "high school" was used to designate those who managed to reach the second floor.

Again, by 1873 the school was overcrowded and a school was built on South Vine Street, at a cost of \$12,000. The principal was assisted by six teachers in the two schools. These East and West Schools, as they were called, had a total of 340 students in 1879. The separated schools created problems, and in 1883 the Vine Street school was sold and an addition built on the Elm-Pittsburgh Street School. The Vine Street school later became Groner's Opera House, a social center of the village.

In 1883 Linda S. Snyder was appointed high school principal. She was instrumental in extending the high school from two to three years, and later to four. She increased the school year to nine months. (The earlier schools in this vicinity generally opened September 1st for the very young and ran to November 1st, reopening November 15th for all children and running until March 1st with only Christmas Day off. March 15th the youngest children returned until June 1st.) Miss



Snyder founded the school library and encouraged the students to raise funds for a piano. After that, school was opened in the morning with music and reading from the Bible.

The first graduation came in the year of 1881, at which time Charles Esterly and Estella Jamison completed their high school education.

The south portion of the Columbiana Union school building was condemned for school purposes and razed in 1909. On this site a new addition was built adjoining the north portion. The cost was \$25,000. Total enrollment was 446.

At this time the Anabasis and Gradatim Literary Societies were formed under the auspices of Superintendent Johnson, Principal Snyder and Assistant Principal Jean Garrard. The purpose was to aid the members in their literary work and the study of literature. Each society was composed of forty members selected on the basis of equal ability. To create additional interest a contest was held each year. The first two contests were held in Groner's Opera House. The Gradatim Society won the first three annual contests, with Anabasis winning first prize each year in the declamations.

The 1883 red brick addition was replaced in 1923 by a large two story portion that consisted of 14 rooms and office, shower rooms, and an auditorium-gym, with a running track in the balcony. Industrial arts and home economics departments were equipped also.

The varied interests of students and requirements of the State Department of Education constantly demand changes in the needs of the school. The athletic program of the high school has always been of interest to the people of the community. The average enrollment from 1937-1946 was 619 and increasing each year so that in 1949 once more there was need for an addition to the building. A new gymnasium, heating plant, six classrooms and extensive remodeling throughout the facility were accomplished, at a cost of \$335,000.

An elementary school was built in the northwest corner of town, in 1955. This building was named Joshua Dixon School in honor of the founder of Columbiana. Governor Frank J. Lausche dedicated the building during Columbiana's Sesquicentennial celebration week, July 24-31. In 1958 an addition was needed at the Joshua Dixon building. Another elementary school was constructed in 1962 on the south side of town, thus it was named South Side School. In 1968 additions were again required at the elementary schools and renovations were needed at the high school. D. W. Bailey was superintendent during this time of major construction.

The need of all this enlarging of facilities is evident when the enrollment chart is examined;

YEAR	STAFF	ROOMS	STUDENTS
1947	23	30	678
1952	27	30	862
1955	35	44	1013
1958	44	48	1248
1962	57	61	1546
1968	65	83	1602
1974	65	83	1424

Over the years the residents of Columbiana have supported the programs sponsored by the many

groups in the school. One of the social highlights of the school term for students was the annual wiener roast until the rationing of World War II. The operetta, "Pickles", created much pleasure for those performing and those attending the presentation in 1928. The chorus, orchestra band have all won many awards for the school. Dale Guchemand helped the young instrumentalists develop a superior band during the period when he was director. Chorus, under the supervision of Mr. Wadman, holds many happy memories for past members. The Junior and Senior classes prepared and presented a play for the public annually. Two that are remembered in the 1960s are "Harvey" and "Our Town". For many years a Science Fair was sponsored by the Science Club each February. Students in the science department prepared projects and displayed them in the gym for the community. The projects were judged, those awarded first place were then entered in competition in district science fairs.

As the graduates of Columbiana School are judged, may their character abilities be praiseworthy.

## Superintendents of the Columbiana Schools

From 1864 to 1878 the following men served as superintendent: George Luckey, James P. Cameron, W. P. Cope, George Todd, and Frank Atterholt.

George W. McGinnis	1878 - 1881
W. W. Weaver	1881 - 1886
T. C. Roche	1887 - 1893
W. R. Butcher	1893 - 1896
E. O. Trescott	1896 - 1906
W. H. Richardson	1906 - 1908
L. S. Orr	1908 - 1909
Franklin Johnson	1909 - 1911
C. N. McCune	1911 - 1913
B. O. Davis	1913 - 1917
R. F. McMullen	1917 - 1919
Hurd Tuttle	1919 - 1924
F. J. Sewall	1924 - 1930
C. E. Bender	1930 - 1935
C. B. Riggle	1935 - 1946
H. F. Richmond	1946 - 1952
D. W. Bailey	1952 - 1969
B. J. Karlis	1969 -

## Columbiana High School Sports

Columbiana High School's sports history began around the year 1910, but my research the last seven years begins with the 1912-13 school year since it is the first year I could find written records for.

Let's look first at CHS' top sport...

### BOY'S BASKETBALL

If Columbiana is remembered for one thing in sports, it would be the 1946-47 basketball team which captured the state Class B crown. That squad posted a 25-1 record which included the 43-34 win over New Knoxville in the championship game on March 22, 1947. Players on the team that season were Don Esenwein, Sam Prizant, Rich Reinehr, Rich Berryman, Dick Perkins, Wayne Urschler, Harry McBride, Lee Thomas, Bob Peters, Russell Hum, and Novie Cleveland.

John Cabas, who coached that great '47 combine, had the best coaching record percentage-wise at CHS

as he guided the Clipper fortunes for four seasons compiling marks of 19-3, 23-1, 18-2, and 25-2 for a total of 85-8. Cabas led the Big Red to the state finals in 1944-45 only to lose to Dayton Northridge 51-42 in the final game.

In the 63-year history of basketball here, there have been 269 different boys who have scored points for CHS. Instead of listing the entire 269, we would like to list the top ten and their total points. The list includes Rich Harrold, 788; Don McBride, 761; Dale Murphy, 743; Jim Ward, 725; Sonnie Fisher, 707; Dan Reash, 706; Gary Perkins, 703; Harry Case, 690; Jim Poulton, 666; and Jim Murphy, 657.

Through the end of the 1974-75 season, Columbiana High School owned a brilliant all-time won-lost record of 642-361 which has to rank as one of the best marks in the state. CHS' two oldest court rivals are East Palestine and Lisbon which they started playing in 1912.

One of Columbiana's earliest stars was P. M. "Boots" Hawkins, who played between 1919-22 and scored 429 points which still ranks him 31st on the all-time scoring list. "Boots" once scored 28 points in a single game during the 1921 season which stood as the CHS record for almost 20 years.

Clipper Court Clippings...Kevin Goist holds the CHS single game scoring record of 38 (2-20-71)...Columbiana won more Tri-County League titles than any other school and dominated the Inter County League when they were in that circuit... When you talk about basketball defense, CHS' 48-1 tournament win over Mesopotamia in 1940...Columbiana's first recorded victory was 17-15 over East Palestine in 1912...

### FOOTBALL

In 59 years of football, which has produced an overall record of 217-213-23, no single player stands out as much as Richard "Sonnie" Fisher who was a complete all-around player from 1934-37. Fisher, who still owns the single season rushing record (1196) and is tied with Ken Warrick (1957) and Randy Johnston (1973) for most touchdowns in one game (4), later went on to star for Paul Brown at Ohio State. While at OSU, Coach Brown called Fisher, "the greatest running back I've ever coached." Sonnie is credited with CHS getting its nickname—Clippers. One of the broadcasters for the OSU game hung the name "The Columbiana Clipper" on him, and it was eventually picked as the school's nickname.

The first Columbiana High School football team appeared in 1916 and won two of five games—with victories coming over Hanoverton 13-6, and Damascus 18-7. Actually, the sport of football was played around 1909 in Columbiana in organized form, but those squads went under the banner of the Johnson Athletic Club.

CHS has had five unbeaten seasons in the school's history. The first came in the 1917 season when they finished 5-0. The others were 1921 (7-0-1), 1931 (5-0-1), 1936 (8-0-2), and 1953 (8-0). Columbiana has competed in two leagues and has won championships in both—1936 and 1973 in the Tri County League and 1953 in the Inter County circuit.

Many Clippers have gone on to star in college football, but two stand out readily—Bill Newell and Rick Perrin. Newell, who is one of only a select few to

make All-Ohio in football, basketball, and track in the same year, is the only Clip grad to play in a Rose Bowl game when he played defensive back for Ohio State in 1950. Perrin is the only former Clipper to have signed an NFL contract when he inked a pact with the New York Giants in 1969. Rick starred at defensive back for Bowling Green State in his college days.

Clipper Football Facts...Only three CHS gridgers have rushed for more than 1000 yards in a single season—Sonnie Fisher, Dick Perkins, and Dale Murphy...Bill Dewalt holds all of the Clipper passing records for a season, game, and career. Dewalt's favorite target, Jim Burkle owns all the pass receiving marks...Gary Schmidt's 95 yard kickoff return (1968 vs. Poland), Gary Gregg's 80 yard punt return (1968 vs Carrollton), and Dick Perkins' 87 yard run from scrimmage (1946 vs. Lisbon) are the longest runs in the Clipper record book... CHS' biggest margin of victory came over Hubbard in 1919 by the score of 84-0...Columbiana's oldest rivals are Leetonia (29-25-2), East Palestine (22-31-3) and Lisbon (25-26-3)...



George Gaines, who retained his 100-yard dash record for 45 years.

### TRACK

Waldo Ward coached Clipper track teams for 42 years and in that span of time led CHS to numerous county, sectional, and district titles and was constantly in the top ten in the State meets. Waldo's son, Jim, still holds four school records he set in 1964—100 yard dash (9.55), 220 yard dash (21.2), 440 yard run (48.3), and the long jump (23-6).

Under Waldo Ward, Columbiana won the 1938 State Class B Track championship. Three boys highlighted that effort led by high point scorer for the meet—Bill Entriaken, who tallied 14- $\frac{3}{4}$  points by winning the 220 and placing second in both the 100 and broad jump. Bill's twin brother Bob took second in the low hurdles and third in the high hurdles while Sonnie Fisher captured the shot put.

In 1937 the Clipper 880 relay team of DeWayne Anglemeyer, Sonnie Fisher, and Bill and Boh Entriaken set a state record for that event of 1:31.7 which stood until 1972. CHS school records, besides that of Jim



Jim Ward, who broke George Gaines's record for the 100-yard dash in 1964 with a time of 9.5-plus.

Ward's and the 880 relay team are: 120 high hurdles (Fred Gosney 14.5, 1964), shot put (Scott Rummell 54-0, 1974), high jump (Fred Gosney 19.7 1964), 880 run (Lou Champney and Matt Powers 2:01.4, 1973), Discus (Kevin Goist 159-7, 1971), two mile run (Lou Champney 9:27.4, 1973), pole vault (Paul Hawkins 11-10  $\frac{3}{4}$ , 1922), one mile run (Lou Champney 4:25, 1973) and the mile relay of Wilbur Garrod, Randy Johnson, Jeff Guy, and Mike McGeehen (3:28, 1974).

Clipper Track Tidbits... George "Chalk" Gaines (1919), Bill Entriiken (1938), and Gary Schmidt (1969) all have turned in 10 second flat readings in the 100 yard dash for CHS in regular meets... "Boots" Hawkins' record in the pole vault was the state's record for bamboo poles... The 1964 team was the state runner up in Class AA ...

## GOLF

Columbiana has competed in golf for 17 years and has had only one coach—Rich Berryman. In the Clipper history of golf the CHS squads have captured 11 Tri-County League tournaments and Jim Powers set the loop record of 73 (1968) which still stands. The greatest golfer of all-time had to be Ted Ossoff, who holds the CHS low score of 32. Ossoff was the only Clipper to make it to the state meet (1969).

Other standout Clipper golfers have been Marion Heck, Bill Smith, Jim Murphy, Dale Reash, Dick and Bill Keller, Bill Gela, Rich Goist, Roy Jackson, Steve Hunt, and Mike Ossoff. Heck, after leaving CHS, turned pro to join the PGA and has done quite well.

— Dan Donnelly

## The Fairfield Township Schools

The Fairfield Township School was one of the first township schools in the state to be centralized. After it had been voted upon by the people to have this one school in the central part of the township, the school board started plans and later (1915) started the erection of the building. The school board in 1915 included A. N. Windle, president; Charles Ferrall, vice president; Vincent Basinger, clerk; Ed Farmer, Harvey Woods, and Dallas Sitler. The architect was E. Rufus.

On September 18, 1916, school began for the first time in the Fairfield Centralized School. There were approximately 200 pupils with a total of seven teachers: Kathryn Roller, first grade; Alberta Windle, second grade; Marie Holloway, third grade; Willa Carpenter, fourth grade; Warren Barr, fifth and sixth grades; Lawrence Baker, seventh and eighth grades; and Gladys Frase, high school.

The first high school class to graduate was in 1918 with the following five pupils: Myron Brubaker, Selma Coppock, Charles Ferrall, Scott Grim and Elizabeth Wolff.

Before 1916 there were ten one-room schools scattered throughout the township, with each school housing eight grades and having one teacher. They were as follows:

- District 1: Pleasant Valley—east of Columbiana
- District 2: Cherry Fork—west of Columbiana
- District 3: Bonesville—near Copeland Lake
- District 4: Belgium—near Fairfield Centralized School building
- District 5: Humtown—near the intersection of Routes 7 and 46
- District 6: Middleton—near Route 7 in Middleton
- District 7: East Fairfield—near route 7 in East Fairfield
- District 8: Maple Grove—near the intersection of Route 558 and Kirk Road
- District 9: Fairview—near the intersection of Route 558 and Fairfield School Road
- District 10: Woodville—southwest portion of the township

Three of these buildings are still standing; two are dwellings and one is used as a barn. These one room schools were probably built around 1880.

The pupils in 1916 were transported to and from school in school wagons, which were covered and heated. They were drawn by horses or mules. During some winters when the snow got deep, covered bobsleds were used to transport the children. Many pupils were picked up for school by 7 o'clock in the morning and school opened at 9 o'clock. The school had a total of 14 wagons.

Some of the early school wagon drivers were: Isaac Brubaker, Lewis Buck, Howard Stratton, Ed Farmer, Simon Whan, Perry Albright, Clint Chamberlain, Herbert Seachrist, William Houlette, Clyde Moore, John Coppock, Harvey Detrow, Dayton Hart, George Burkle, Howard Williamson and Ben Snyder.

The first school wagon driver to convert from a wagon to a bus (really only a covered truck) was George Burkle in the fall of 1918.



Fairfield Township Centralized School and "Kid Wagon," 1919-1920. Drivers were Isaac Brubaker, Lewis Buck, George Burkle, Ed Farmer, Dayton Hart, Joe Hartman, William Houlette, Charles Miller, Clyde Moore, Walter McGeehan, Ben Snyder and Simon Whan.

The first janitor for the school was Walter Shinn.

There was no electricity available in the township in 1916, so a Delco system was used. A drilled well supplied the water for the school. There were inside restrooms from the first.

In the year 1925, Fairfield Centralized High School became a first grade high school and the class of 1926 was the first to graduate under these conditions. Nine months of school were now required instead of eight. Previous to this, anyone desiring a fourth year of high school went to Columbiana High School or elsewhere, with the township paying the tuition. At this time, 1926, there were eight grade teachers and three teachers in high school plus a music teacher. A few school buses were now used, and it was not until the early 1930's that the last school wagon was retired from service.



Fairfield Township Centralized School Bus—George Burkle, driver.

As the years progressed more room was required for the increasing population in the township. In 1937 an addition was added to the south end of the 1915 building. This addition included a new gymnasium-auditorium, several class rooms and a new kitchen and dining room. The class of 1938 was the first class to graduate in the new auditorium.

In 1952 an annex was built at the Fairfield School. This provided an industrial arts shop and four class rooms.

A number of years later, after much consideration

and debate, it was voted upon by the people of both the Fairfield School District and the New Waterford School District that the two schools be consolidated. After much planning a new building was erected. In September 1961 pupils attended the new high school for the first time. The Crestview building was dedicated on September 3, 1961. This consolidated school was first known as the Fairfield-Waterford School District, but was later changed to the Crestview Local School District.

As of November 1975 there were in the system 1,103 pupils, 58 teachers and administrators, four secretaries, six maintenance workers, eight cooks, nine bus drivers, one nurse, one clerk-treasurer, and three librarians.

— Pearl Baker

## A One-Room School

Much of the early educational progress was due to the one room school, where the teacher taught all ages in one room. Of the ten schools that existed in this area, Pleasant Valley School will be described, as they were similar except in location. One of our most distinguished citizens, Harvey S. Firestone, attended Pleasant Valley.

Pleasant Valley School was located one mile east of the junction of Route 7 and the New Springfield Road. The school building was on a knoll on the left side of the road.

The original school was built of logs by the land owners in 1830. Benjamin Firestone, father of Harvey, was the first teacher of ten or twelve pupils. In 1855 the log school was abandoned for a new frame building, known as the Hisey School. This building endured until 1874 when Thomas Piper took over the school house and attached it to his new frame house for use as a kitchen. The third building was built near the same spot.

Rows of benches (later desks) stood on both sides of a center aisle, boys on one side, girls on the other. The school room was longer than wide and down the center aisle stood two cast-iron pot-bellied stoves. At the end of the room facing the door the teacher's rostrum stood, several inches higher than the floor. The rostrum held the teacher's desk, a revolving globe of the world, and the teacher himself. In front of the rostrum were benches on which the pupils sat to recite. Along the back of the room behind the teacher's desk was the blackboard, a part of which was a book-like arrangement called a primer from which the beginners learned their ABCs. Along the walls were placed at intervals oil lamps on brackets.

The rear held shelves for lunch buckets, hooks for clothing, a dry sink, water pail and dipper.

Outside was a pitcher pump, a coal shed and hitching rail. To the rear of the property were two privies.

Aaron Overholt began teaching for \$9 per month, then was advanced to \$25 when the number of pupils reached fifty. Dr. J. O. Rothwell taught from 1879-81. He taught six courses—Ray's Arithmetic, Hunt Spelling, Eclectic Complete Geography, McGuffey's Reading, Harvey's Grammer and writing.

Families with children attending this school in 1875-84 were; Alexander, Burk, Cole, Crick, Dishong,





Pleasant Valley One-Room School, 1897: Bottom row (L. to R.), ? Macklin, ? Macklin, Charles Seederly, Ralph Cole, Ray Todd. Second row, Lloyd Felger, Ralph Hum, ? Floor; Lucille Macklin, unidentified, unidentified, Cora Cole, Florence Lipp, Harry Albright (teacher), Clyde Cole. Third row, Elsie Cole, ? Floor, Lottie Glosser, Nora Cole, unidentified, Carrie Hum, unidentified; Grace Hum; unidentified. In doorway, Margaret Cole.

**Pleasant Valley School  
District No. 1  
Ohio**

Presented By  
**CARRIE HUM,**  
Teacher

**1908**

**School Board**

Levi Yoder	C. C. Cope
Chas. Ferrall	H. R. Smith
John Todd	Frank Whan
	Sub-Director

**Pupils, Pleasant Valley School, 1908.**

Park Wright	Chester Wright
	Ralph Dishong
Freddie Baun	Carl Zimmerman
	George Bishop
Olaf Todd	Lincoln Firestone
	Park Dishong
Howard Dishong	Ray Bossert
	Lloyd Bossert
Floyd Bossert	Otto Weber
	Robert Feicht
Edward Weber	Ray Hum
	James Macklin
Walter Weber	Gertrude Macklin
	Annie Zimmerman
Florence Baun	Alice Weber
	Pearl Bossert
Lena Zimmerman	Lizzie Cole
	Della Zimmerman
Goldie Walter	Marie Miller
	Mabel Cole
Ada Bishop	Laura Kloose
Annie Drotleff	Katie Drotleff

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Graebing, Harmon, Harrold, Hisey, Hum, Kibler, Law, Lipp, Love, Meeks, Metz, Piper, Reash, Snyder, Sponsellor, Spricker, Stahl, Todd, Vanskiver, Vollnogle, Wildrison, Zellers and Zimmerman.

At noon and at recess pupils rushed outside to play such games as Ducky on the Rock, Crack the Whip, Bull in the Ring, Hide and Seek, Baseball and others.

The day before Christmas vacation early in the morning older boys climbed to the roof and placed boards over the chimney. If the teacher came prepared with a treat they would climb up and remove them. But if the teacher didn't furnish a treat it was then up to him to remove the boards or all would be smoked out of the school house.

When a pupil wanted to further his education after completing the classes taught in the country schools, he was entitled to take an examination given at Lisbon, known as the Boxwell examination. Upon receiving a passing grade a student could attend any high school in the state, tuition free.

These one-room schools also served as social centers and many community gatherings were held there as well as box and pie socials. During the winter, literary societies were organized and devoted to producing stage shows. The old melodramatic kind were given, complete with villain, handsome young hero, innocent sweet maiden, and comic.

—Ray Hum

## Middleton Friends Meeting

The Friends, who were among the first settlers of the township, were also the first to form a religious society here.

In the summer of 1803 a delegation was appointed by the Red Stone Quarterly Meeting in Pennsylvania to organize the Middleton Monthly Meeting of the Society of Orthodox Friends.

The first families of the Middleton Meeting included Heald, James, Woods, Cope, Boulton, Allman, Crozen, Hawley, Oliphant, Shaw, Davis, Test, Moreland, Schooley, and Beeson.

Soon after the organization took place, a log meeting house was built. The log house was used as a place of worship until 1813, when a brick house was built. In 1852 a storm severely damaged the brick meeting house, and the following year the Meeting built, at a total cost of \$576, the frame building that still stands on the triangle formed by Route 7, Crestview and Signal Roads.

The venerable frame meeting house served until 1960, when a new brick building was erected on the Crestview Road, just a short distance west of the old frame building. The new meeting house, complete with meeting room and two classrooms upstairs and kitchen and three classrooms down, was dedicated in January, 1961.

The form of worship at Middleton Meeting has not changed greatly over the years, except that, about 30 years ago, the custom of segregation of the sexes during worship was abandoned.

Middleton Meeting, affiliated now with the Ohio Yearly Meeting at Barnesville, has always practiced meditative worship without clergy, during which each worshipper, turning to silent communion with God, seeks an inner peace and strength. The meetings are

silent for the most part unless a member feels inspired to share his feelings with the others.

The clerk is the presiding officer of the meeting. During a marriage ceremony, the couple repeat their vows to each other, and it is the clerk who signs the license. Mrs. Everett Hartley currently serves as clerk for Middleton Meeting.

## Zion Hill Church of the Brethren

In 1808 a few Brethren families came and settled ten miles west of the Pennsylvania state line. They organized the Mill Creek Church, named for the nearby creek in which they did their baptizing. This church was the predecessor of the Zion Hill Church of the Brethren, located on New Buffalo Road just north of the Columbiana corporation line.

The land where the present church sits—two acres—was donated in 1822 by John and Susannah Myers. The deed, calling for a burying ground, church and school, is recorded in Lisbon, since at the time Beaver Township was part of Columbiana County. The burying ground was established, probably in the 1860's. The school was never built.

In 1841 Henry Kurtz, a German-born Lutheran minister turned Brethren, began a ministry that lasted until his death in 1874. After commuting once a month from Canton for a year, he moved to Poland, then to the Columbiana area. Kurtz was best known in the religious world as the publisher of "The Gospel Visitor," a monthly publication he started in the loft of the springhouse of his farm. Headquarters were later moved to Columbiana. "The Gospel Visitor", after several mergers, is now incorporated in the "Gospel Messenger," the present national monthly of the Church of the Brethren.

In 1842 the church name was changed from Mill Creek Church to Mahoning Church. The congregation prospered under the leadership of Elder Kurtz, and in 1872 the building that served the congregation for nearly a century, and serves as the center of the present facility, was erected.

A committee comprised of Jonas Hoke, Abraham Detwiler, Samuel Longanecker, and Alfred W. Longanecker oversaw the construction of a 30 by 40-foot building costing \$1,188, including donated labor. Sometime in the 1880's, an addition was built to the west end.

In 1915 the Mahoning Church, by its own petition to the district meeting, was divided into two congregations—the eastern Bethel Church, and the western Zion Hill Church. Albert W. Harrold, great-grandson of the donors of the two acres of land, was chosen to be elder-in-charge of Zion Hill Church, a position he held until 1929.

In 1933 a basement was dug under the main part of the church, and in 1935 the entire building was remodeled and redecorated and the north entrance added. In 1952 an acre-and-a-half was purchased to the west and north of the building. The southwest corner of the basement was excavated and a kitchen and restrooms added.

In 1960, the parsonage on Spruce Street in Columbiana was sold and a brick parsonage was built

on the northeast corner of Adin Miller's farm, adjacent to the church.

By 1970, attendance had increased to about 150, and the need for a larger church was evident. So a new 40 by 80 brick section was built onto the front of the old section, to serve as fellowship hall and sanctuary. Cost was about \$80,000, plus \$10,000 of donated labor.

Average attendance is now about 193, of an enrollment of 243.

Early elders in charge at Zion Hill were George Hoke, Henry Kurtz, Jacob Kurtz (son of Henry), Albert W. Harrold, and others whose names are unrecorded. They were actually members called to the ministry and licensed to preach.

The first pastor of the church—the first minister to receive a regular contract—was Elder George S. Strausbaugh. Subsequent pastors have included Edgar G. Diehm, Claude Wolfe, Waldo Kinsel, Lawrence Rule, Pius Gible, Hugh Cloppert, Arno Holderread, J. Lloyd Nedrow, Irving Glover, Dean Rohrer, Owen Shankster, and the present pastor, John Bartholomew. Robert Barnes is assistant pastor.

## **Grace United Church of Christ and Jerusalem Lutheran Church**

Grace United Church of Christ and Jerusalem Lutheran Church share their early history—a history that coincides with the growth of public worship in the village.

In August 1814 a School and Meeting House Society was organized and a log cabin to accommodate educational and religious meetings was built on land donated by Joshua Dixon at what is now the intersection of South Main and Pittsburgh Streets.

Reformed and Lutheran families in the village accordingly formed groups, appointed their own church officers, and took advantage of the Meeting House for their worship services, holding jointly a secretary, a treasurer, and a set of trustees.

Then, in 1821, they decided to tear down the log structure and put up a new brick union church, which they named "Jerusalem Church" and dedicated in 1822.

The Rev. John Peter Mahnenschmidt, who had first preached in Columbiana in 1813, continued to serve the Reformed Congregation until 1831. He was succeeded by the Rev. Henry Sonnedeker (1831-1846), the Rev. N. Paltzgrove (1847-1851), the Rev. Aaron Wanner (1853-1854), the Rev. Carl Lienakemper (1855-1858), the Rev. J. J. Roemer (1859-1860), and the Rev. James Reinhart (1860-1869).

In 1867 the Lutheran congregation made the decision to sell their interest in the union church to pursue the ideal of establishing their own place of worship.

The Reformed congregation then decided to build a new brick church on the same site, and did so in 1868, adopting the name "Grace Reformed Church."

Subsequent ministers were Henry Hilbish (1870-1872), John Kendig (1872-1878), Henry Spangler (1878-1880), and J. H. Bomberger (1880-1897).

In 1895 an extensive remodeling program was

undertaken— an expense of some \$8000. Services were held in Groner's Opera House until the job was completed.

Arthur V. Cassleman was minister from 1898 to 1902, Frederick Cromer served from 1902 to 1904, and E. D. Wettach was there from 1904 to 1905.

During the ministry of the Rev. George W. Welsh (1905— 1907), the church bought a pipe organ with the help of the Carnegie Foundation. Unfortunately, a short circuit in the electrical system of the installation, believed brought about by a thunderstorm, caused a fire which resulted in \$10,000 worth of damage. The church was renovated and re-dedicated in 1908.

William Yenser served the church from 1908 to 1917, A. Theodore Wright served from 1917 to 1921, and during the Rev. E. F. Wiest's pastorate from 1922 to 1923 the sanctuary was redecorated and a kitchen was added.

Stanley L. Fritz was minister from 1932 to 1936, and while the Rev. Walter R. Gobrecht served the church, from 1936 to 1943, an organ was obtained free of charge and installed by Hillgreen, Lane, an Alliance organ building firm.

Waldo J. Bartels was minister from 1943 to 1951. During the time of the Rev. Donald J. Voelm's pastorate, from 1951 to 1959, a \$75,000 remodeling project was completed, including construction of a new Sunday School addition, a new heating plant, strengthening of the sanctuary structure, and kitchen modernization.

In 1957, the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Christian Church, and Grace Reformed became Grace United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Harold Thiedt was minister from 1960 to 1968, and since 1968 the Rev. Earnest Noll has been minister.

The chancel was remodeled in 1974, and remodeling of the dining and kitchen areas is scheduled to take place this year.

Lutheran ministers from the establishment of the union church until the time the Lutherans founded their own church were: the Rev. Hewet (1824-1838), the Rev. Hoelsche (1838-1842), the Rev. Siegele (1842-1845), the Rev. Mueller (1845— 1857), the Rev. Schladermund (1857-1861), and the Rev. F. Nouffer (1861-1869).

During the pastorate of the Rev. Nouffer, the Lutherans sold their interest in the union church, and taking the name "Jerusalem" with them, built the new Jerusalem Lutheran Church in the south end of the village, which was then practically a wilderness. Members worshipped in the old Methodist Church building (on what is now Park Avenue) until their new building became a reality in 1869.

Subsequent pastors were the Rev. S. Baechler (1869-1874 and 1882-1885), the Rev. M. F. Lauffer (1874-1882), the Rev. A. Birch (1885-1895), the Rev. J. H. W. Hoerr (1895-1899), the Rev. W. H. Lehman (1899-1901), and the Rev. G. A. Uber (1901-1909).

In 1913, during the pastorate of the Rev. C. D. Fisber (1909-1921), a north wing was added to the church and the basement was finished for a Sunday School.

In 1932, while the Rev. C. E. Krumm was pastor

(1921— 1935), more of the basement was excavated and finished to provide additional Sunday School room and a larger kitchen.

The Rev. C. J. Sutorius served as pastor from 1935 to 1945, and the Rev. R. C. Finkenbine was pastor for a short time in 1945. The Rev. P. T. Ruechwald served the church from 1945 to 1948 when the Rev. A. A. Anderson came.

During the Rev. Anderson's pastorate (1948-1963), in June 1951, ground was broken for the present church building on the site of the old one. The cornerstone ceremony was held in May 1952 and dedication was held in November that year.

The Rev. Thomas E. Rehl served the church from 1963 to 1968. During his pastorate Hyland House was purchased, including property of nearly nine acres west of the church building.

An educational wing to the north of the church was begun in May 1967, and dedicated in December of that year.

The Rev. Robert B. Simen served from 1968 to April, 1976.

## The First United Methodist Church

Today's 800-member First United Methodist Church had its beginning back in 1825 when members of nine Methodist families in the young community formed a Methodist Society.

These McGregors, Hums, Wrights, Voglesons, Kembles, Beards, Maurys, Fitzpatrick's, and Woods and those who later joined with them met for nine years in homes or rented rooms.

Their Society was one of about seven on the New Lisbon circuit served in that first year of 1825 by the Rev. William Knox and the Rev. William C. Henderson. That circuit was part of the Ohio District, which included eastern Ohio from Barnesville to Coshocton, Canton and Akron to Cleveland; and the Ohio District was one of six districts in the Pittsburgh Conference.

In 1834, when the Rev. Stephen Hubbard was preacher, the Society purchased from John and Hannah Dixon for \$30 lot number 59, at what is now the southeast corner of East Park Avenue and South Elm Street, and put up a rectangular, frame building.

Since there was little cash to work with, a good deal of the work was done with donated material and labor. It was not a pretentious building—there was no belfry or spire. Inside was only a crude pulpit and altar rail, and plain benches with no backs.

The new church, with burial ground in the rear, was dedicated in 1835 by the Rev. Fr. Swasey, a prominent minister of the period.

The young church had its troubles. The congregation became divided around 1845, when the slavery question caused dissension among the members. The radically anti-slavery members, which meant at least half the families in the church, seceded. Joining seceders from the Fairfield church, they formed a Wesleyan church at Humtown on the New Waterford Road. (Many drifted back after the Civil War, and the Wesleyan church was finally abandoned in the 1880's.)

But the members that were left after the upheaval

were joined by many new ones during the Great Revival of the late 1850's, and by 1859, when the Rev. Gideon D. Kinnear was minister, the congregation was making plans for a new building.

The site chosen was the southeast corner of South Main and Pittsburgh Streets, and the church bought it for taxes for the sum of \$38.80. But funds were needed for the new building, so the trustees proposed to the citizens of Columbiana that if they would subscribe for a new building, the church would deed the old building to the town council for use as a town hall.

The sum of \$1,950 was subscribed, so the church sold the town the old church for one dollar, and laid the foundation on the new site. The new church was dedicated in August 1860, when the Rev. David Hess was minister.

Built of brick made by John Deemer at his brickyard west of town, it had an octagonal belfry in front topped by a spire extending 20 feet above the roof. Its church bell, bought by subscription among the townspeople, was the first in Columbiana.

"Because it was purchased through popular subscription, the Methodist bell was regarded as a kind of community asset; it was used many years to arouse the people in case of fire; it was rung every evening at nine o'clock for a curfew; it was tolled when a death occurred and also while the funeral procession was on its way from the home to the church...and from the church to the cemetery. This bell had an unusually sweet tone and for fifty years played an important role in the life of the community. It was a distinct loss when the bell was given to parties out of town at the time improvements were made in the church." From "A History of Methodism in Columbiana, Ohio," by Leila F. Beard.

When, in 1886, the members—now numbering about 175—decided they were able to support a full-time minister, the Columbiana church was taken off the circuit and became an independent charge. The Rev. S. W. McClure became the first full-time minister, at a salary of \$500 a year.

In 1900, members felt the building was due for a remodeling, and \$6,000 was subscribed. The old belfry and the entrance were torn away. A large art glass window was put in the front facing Main Street and a square tower, containing the new entrance, was erected at the northeast corner. The Rev. J. W. Satterthwaite was minister at the time, and services were held in Beatty's hall until the work was completed in January 1901.

In 1915 the official board began to talk of a completely new building, but plans were interrupted by the entrance of the country into World War I. Plans went forward after the war, though, and a total of \$37,210 was subscribed. The old church was vacated early in 1922—services were held in the school in the interim—and the new building was dedicated in May 1923, the one that stands—with additions—to the present time.

The church is a modified classic design, built of light gray brick with Indiana limestone trimming and a red tile roof, and the final cost was \$100,000.

An education unit containing a chapel, a parlor, and twelve classrooms was added in 1959-60, and in 1965



the sanctuary and adjoining rooms were remodeled with funds from a \$100,000 bequest from George Overbolt, who had died in 1960.

In 1939 the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which the local church had been a part, effected a merger with the Methodist Protestant Church, forming the Methodist Church. Then in 1968, the Columbiana church became the First United Methodist Church when the parent body merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Ministers since the church became independent have been: S. W. McClure, T. J. Ream, A. D. McHenry, H. A. Cobbledick, S. Y. Kennedy, J. T. Morton, G. L. Davis, J. W. Satterthwaite, Thomas E. Elliott, A. A. Brown.

J. M. Carr, J. B. Manley, J. W. Moore, E. P. Wykoff, G. C. Giffin, A. G. Rupert, G. W. Peters, W. E. Hollett, C. F. Jones, C. R. McMeeken, D. S. Lamb.

J. C. Wilson, P. H. Wood, W. C. Eyster, G. L. Tennell, A. R. Brown, W. S. Longworth, George R. Sweeney, Russell S. Linton, Arthur R. Kirk, and the present minister, Floyd Gaugler.

The Rev. W. S. Longworth holds the record for longevity with 13 years in the pulpit here, from 1948 to 1961.

## Leetonia Mennonite Church

The Leetonia Mennonite Church, on the Columbiana-Leetonia Road near the western edge of the township, had its beginning as Nold's Meetinghouse in 1828.

The Leetonia church shares with two Beaver Township Mennonite churches—Midway (Oberholtzer's Meetinghouse) and North Lima (Metzler's Meetinghouse)—the distinction of having once been combined in one congregation, with one service each month held at each meeting house. (The fourth Sunday was designated as visiting day at members' homes.)

In the early days all Mennonite services were in German. It wasn't until the 1890's that the switch was made to the use of English—and at about the same time, the Fairfield-Beaver congregation also established a Sunday School.

But there were about 16 people who were against the changes. Around 1897 they withdrew and formed their own congregation, the Pleasant View Church at Renkenberger and Germantown Roads.

Nold's Meetinghouse was replaced in the 1870's by a brick church building. In the 1920's the basement was excavated, and in the mid-1950's the building was remodeled to its present state.

The Leetonia church had begun having its own services every Sunday sometime during the second decade of the century, but it wasn't until 1948 that the three churches were reorganized into separate congregations.

## East Fairfield

### United Methodist Church

Methodist meetings were held in East Fairfield as early as 1835. After a revival held in the village by a Methodist circuit rider, however, interest grew; and in 1842 adherents to the faith built a small frame building in which they met until 1875 when they were able to build a frame church.

A warranty dated January 1851 indicates that the land on which the church was built was deeded to the congregation for \$90. With 13,259 feet of donated timber, at a cost of \$1,472, the church was completed. Dedication was held November 28, 1875. The old frame building had been sold to the village and moved away to be used as a town hall.

Improvements were made through the years, notably the excavation of the basement and the equipping of a kitchen.

When the need for expansion became evident, an addition to the west side was built, and dedicated in June, 1949.

The cornerstone for a new building was laid in September 1964, and in April of the following year the last worship service was held in the white frame building that had served the church for nearly 90 years. The first services were held in the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday in 1965.

Since 1840, the following men have served the East Fairfield Church as ministers: Henry Wharton, C. H. Jackson, J. M. Bray, William Blackburn, Warren Long, John Huston, Jacob K. Miller, Martin Weekey, John Murray, Thomas Winstanley, Samuel Crouse, Andrew Huston, John Wright, John Ausley, J. D. Turner, George Crook.

Guideau Kinnear, Levi Keagly, David Hess, M. H. Kendig, E. M. Wood, J. H. Conkle, L. A. Tallman, Robert Cunningham, J. J. Jackson, William McConnell, T. S. Hodgeson, Rev. Darby, J. J. Hayes, J. Z. Moore, A. E. Ward, C. H. Edwards.

A. Appleton, P. G. Edmonds, E. S. Frease, W. D. Ewing, R. A. Herron, A. M. Billingsly, F. E. King, J. E. Hollister, A. A. Brown, E. E. Wilson, H. B. Allen, S. M. Chalker, Rev. Weaver, Rev. Highway, W. W. McEwan.

H. E. Bright, R. C. VanCamp, J. P. Wiseman, C. C. Amendt, J. C. Mayhew, W. P. Baxter, Rev. Stohl, George Westlake, B. H. Shaddock, N. H. Scott, Thomas Maxwell, H. W. Middleton, G. H. Klotz.

T. H. Smith, C. E. Richardson, Earl C. Brooks, Gilbert Chalfant, George Bailey, Mark George, I. Melville Wohrley, Paul Sell, James McConnel, and the present minister, Charles Ready.

Seven members of the church have entered the ministry—Fred Esenwein, Chalmer Cope, Charles Albright, Charles Reed, Wilbur Meiser, Richard Hawkins, and Donald Babel.

## First Presbyterian Church

A committee appointed by a Presbytery session held at New Lisbon established the Presbyterian Church in Columbiana in May 1865 at the request of community Presbyterians.

Charter members were Mrs. Maria Kyser, the Misses Elizabeth and Almira Close, Mrs. George O. Frazer, the Misses Leah J., Ann S., and Elizabeth A. Esterly, Mr. Solomon Esterly, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Kramer, Miss Ann Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, Miss Charlotte Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. William Geiger.

W. C. Falconer, a student who also served the East Palestine church, was appointed minister. George O. Frazer, J. T. Barclay, and William Geiger were the first trustees.

Services were held in the town hall until a frame church building was erected in 1867 on the site on South Elm Street now occupied by the high school auditorium.

The church was partially supported by the Board of Home Missions until 1910, when members successfully petitioned for permission to become self-supporting.

While the Rev. C. S. McGrath was minister (1917-1924), the need for a larger building became evident. So the South Elm Street site was sold to the school board for expansion purposes and the church purchased the site at North Elm Street and East Park Avenue.

Construction was started in June 1920, and services were held at the high school until the new church was occupied in November 1921.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Harry J. Scheidemantle (1950-1967), an extensive remodeling program was undertaken. The Harvey Harrold property adjoining the church had been purchased in 1959, and in 1964 the house, which had been used for Sunday School classes and group meetings, was demolished to make room for the planned expansion.

Ground-breaking ceremonies had taken place on June 2, 1963 and when the new structure was dedicated on April 26, 1964, church members acquired the use of a \$140,000 unit containing several additional classrooms, a nursery, a fellowship hall, a new front entrance, and a new heating plant. Later, phases two and three of the building program accomplished the remodeling of the sanctuary, replacement of the pipe organ, renovation of the basement and kitchen and the second floor of the Sunday School area, and the addition of a church parlor and office.

When the Rev. Mr. Scheidemantle retired in 1967, he was succeeded by the Rev. Robert E. Weinman. Other ministers, from the founding of the church, have been: W. C. Falconer (1866-1867), John Gilmore (1867-1868), J. T. Hall (1868-1870), W. C. Smith (1870-1872), T. P. Johnson (1872-1874), A. B. Maxwell (1874-1885), R. S. Roscamp (1886-1888), Isaiah Ravenaugh (1889-1894), I. S. Hahn (1895-1896), R. E. Porter (1896-1903), J. F. Kirkbride (1903-1916), C. S. McGrath (1917-1924), J. C. Strubel (1925-1938), J. K. McDivitt (1939-1944), and Herbert Smith (1944-1950).

## First Christian Church

The first organization of people of the Disciple faith in Columbiana didn't "take." Started in 1876, it dissolved sometime in the 1880's—probably, church historians believe, because of insufficient membership.

But during the late 1890's a small group began to meet at Beatty Hall under the leadership of Edward Bowers, an evangelist from Marietta, and the reorganization proved successful; in the spring of 1898 the members engaged E. C. Long as their first minister and began to make plans for their own building.

Construction started in September of that year at the southwest corner of West Friend and South Middle Streets—Mrs. Samuel Zellers had the honor of turning the first spadeful of earth. Building proceeded rapidly, much of it done with lumber cut on the property of the members. Dedication ceremonies for the new Christian Church were held in January 1899.

Total cost of the new church was \$2,475, including the lot and the building and all of its furnishings.

While the church was under construction, the congregation had applied for articles of incorporation, over the signatures of George W. Beck, S. H. Zellers, Daniel Bushong, John Harrold, D. T. Holloway, J. B. Ziegler, and F. W. Ferrall. Incorporation was granted on December 23, 1898.

Beck and Bushong were the first elders; Holloway, Harrold, Ziegler, and Ira Cole were the first deacons; Holloway was treasurer and Ziegler was registered as secretary and clerk.

Subsequent improvements include the excavation of the basement, at a cost of \$1,000, during the ministry of Robert Tuck (1920-1923); renovation of the basement and replacement of the original chimney which had been struck by lightning during George Funk's ministry (1926-1941); and the purchase of a Hammond organ while Donald Gregory was minister (1946-1949).

By the time Frank Lillie had come to the church (1954-1963), the need for a larger building had begun to be felt.

The site at the corner of Cherry and North Middle Streets was purchased in 1957 at a cost of \$15,000 and ground was broken in April 1961. The first services in the new \$200,000 building were held on April 15, 1962, and formal dedication took place on May 27.

Of modern Cuban Pink brick with a front of cathedral glass construction, the building is 136 feet long and 50 feet wide. The completely excavated basement contains five permanent and seven temporary classrooms, a fellowship hall, kitchen, and utility rooms.

Since the new church's construction, the congregation has purchased three lots on the north side of Cherry Street, including a house which is used as the parsonage for the associate minister.

Clarence Mansfield, the present minister, reports that the educational wing now under construction is expected to be completed in May, with an occupancy date set for sometime in July. The new addition contains 20 classrooms, an office complex, and audio-visual and library rooms.

The following ministers have served the First Christian Church in its 78-year history: E. C. Long, D. W. Beesaw, Rev. Linsell, W. M. Crumm, H. L. Harlow, E. A. Bosworth, Rev. Ross, W. A. McCalla, Alcious Baker, A. Carroll Shaw, Perry J. Cook, Fred Tilock, Fred L. Wallace, Robert Tuck, A. B. Moore, Lloyd S. Dawson, Francis H. Gerrett, George Funk, L. Nathan Black, Donald G. Gregory, J. Franklin Baxter, Frank Lillie, and Clarence Mansfield.

In 1969 the church began hosting Bible College students in a summertime assistant program. In 1973, Keith Wise, the first of these students, returned to the church as the first full-time associate minister.

## The Church of the Nazarene

Columbiana's Church of the Nazarene had its beginning at a 1928 tent meeting. Worshipers at the services formed the nucleus of the church, calling the Rev. Charles Snyder, who had been preaching at the meetings, as their pastor.

Services were held at the high school and at the Magill building on South Main Street until the congregation put up its own building on the southeast corner of Lisbon and Union Streets in 1930.

A growing congregation required a new building, so plans were begun in the late '40's. Construction on the new church at 330 North Elm Street began in 1956, and the building was occupied the following year.

A fellowship hall was built in 1961, and in 1970 a Sunday School annex was added to the church building and the sanctuary and narthex were remodeled and enlarged.

Succeeding the Rev. Mr. Snyder in the pastorate have been D. G. Stewart, C. J. Haas, C. B. Hanks, C. G. Finney, A. Brown Jr., L. A. Baltz, J. R. Donley, R. O. Clark, and the present pastor, J. B. Rose.

## **St. Jude Catholic Church**

In May 1958 the Catholic men of Columbiana formed a Men's Club under the direction of Fr. William Maund, pastor of St. Patrick Church in Leetonia, of which the men were members.

Then in 1959, a committee appointed by the club—Dr. Louis Cosentino, Jack Saunders, and Russell Lindsay—met with the Youngstown Diocese bishop Emmet M. Walsh to discuss the establishment of a Catholic church in Columbiana.

The church was begun as a mission of St. Patrick's. The first mass was offered in November 1960 at Dixon School, where services and classes were subsequently held until the parish had its own church.

The name St. Jude was adopted in 1965, and in 1966 the mission was elevated to parish status and given boundaries and a parish council was started to assist in the development of the church.

Early in 1960, Bishop Walsh had approved the purchase of nearly ten acres at the end of Seventh Street. In September 1969, ground was broken for the new building, and construction was well enough along for the first mass and first communion to be held on May 2, 1970.

While it was a mission of St. Patrick's, the church was served by Fathers Paul Petric, Thomas McNally, Michael Chonko, and John Humphrey.

In 1965 Fr. Frank Lehnerd was appointed administrator, and when St. Jude's achieved parish status in 1966, The Rev. Msgr. P. Breen Malone was appointed pastor.

Pastors since then have been Fr. James F. Stenson (1967-1968), Fr. David Lettau (1968-1970), Fr. Donald Oser (1970-1971), and Fr. Robert V. Flynn, who serves at the present time.

## **Columbiana Baptist Church**

The Columbiana Baptist Church had its beginning in 1958 when a group of local residents attending the Struthers Baptist Tabernacle decided to establish a fundamental Baptist church in their own area.

It began as Columbiana Bible Church, and held services at Dixon School until the present property at 331 South Main Street was purchased. An application for incorporation in 1961 was signed by Alton M. Witter, George L. Coler, George Burkert, and Arthur Morris, who were trustees at the time.

Later it was known as Columbiana Bible Baptist Church, and in the summer of 1975 it was reincorporated under the present name.

The same year a four-and-a-half-acre tract on Heck

Road was purchased, with the objective of putting up a building in the spring of 1976.

The Rev. Alton M. Witter and the Rev. Edwin G. Jack were co-pastors in the first years. Succeeding them have been Rev. Pollock, Rev. Cherry, Rev. Tyler, Rev. Bosko, Rev. Clarence Brautigam, and the present minister, the Rev. Earl Bucklew.

## **Columbiana Tabernacle**

The Columbiana Tabernacle, a full-gospel, fundamental church, held its first service in September 1971.

The Rev. Bill Baria preached the first sermon to a congregation of about 80 in the Dixon School all-purpose room. Services continued to be held there until the present building on Route 7 was completed in December 1972.

An addition to the church was built in 1973 to house the Lighthouse Christian School which is a ministry of the Tabernacle.

Most of the work in both building programs was done by members of the congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Baria still serves as pastor.

## **The Upper Room Ministry**

The Upper Room Ministry is an organization that seeks to bring young people into a living, vital relationship with Jesus Christ.

As The Upper Room, it began in the fall of 1971 with a nucleus of about eight high school students as a coffee house ministry to Columbiana young people. Since then, it has grown to serve young people from surrounding areas as well.

Fellowship meetings are held on Monday nights, and on Wednesdays Bible study and prayer meetings are held. David Styffeler, the leader of the organization, conducts the meetings, and outside speakers frequently appear to speak and share Christian testimony.

In the spring of 1974 the organization was incorporated by David Styffeler and Dr. and Mrs. Russell Styffeler. Since its beginning, the group has held its meetings in the upstairs room over Dr. Styffeler's veterinary office at 138 North Main Street.

## **Columbiana Church of Christ**

Columbiana Church of Christ was founded in January 1973 by Harold Eddy, John Cottrill, Frank Williams, Paul Barnhouse, Randy Taylor, John Klepfer, and Guy Gregg. All were members of the Lisbon Church of Christ who felt it was time to establish a church of their faith in their own community.

George Carmen was the first minister, serving until he went to Thailand as a missionary in 1975. Thomas Forrest has been with the church since then.

From a membership of 44, the church has expanded to about 130 members. Services and classes are held at Dixon School.

In March of this year, ground was broken for a \$157,000 church building on Route 14 just east of Route 164. The first phase of construction, to be completed in August, will include a sanctuary, seven classrooms, two offices, and a nursery. A second phase, to be added at some future time, will include a fellowship room and more classrooms.

## Early Churches

### HICKSITE FRIENDS' MEETING:

A Friends' meeting was organized in Columbiana in 1818 by members of the Middleton Friends' Meeting. A one-room meeting house was built on the southeast corner of Elm and Friend Streets, the latter street receiving its name in honor of the Society.

In 1832, the ten members and their wives became known as "Hicksites" and moved their meeting across the street to the northwest corner. Meetings were held there until 1867. The lot was finally sold in 1883.

The burial ground adjacent to the former site on the southeast corner was sold in 1903 to Royal Conkey.

### BETHEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Some time before 1840 a meeting house was built of logs and at one time was occupied by a large and flourishing membership of more than 100. The organization of Methodist societies in nearby towns caused it to disband sometime in the 1860's.

### WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF LIBERTY HILL

In the 1840's, a number of Fairfield Methodist Episcopal Church members, along with some members of the Columbiana church, withdrew from their congregations and formed a Wesleyan Methodist Society.

Meetings were first held at the houses of John and Adam Hum, but in 1847 a log house of worship was built near Hum Cemetery. The log building was in use until 1873, when a new church was built in Humtown across from the school.

The land on which the new church stood had been deeded to the Wesleyan Society of Liberty Hill for the sum of \$25 by Adam Hum and his wife Elizabeth Woods Hum in October 1868. Trustees at the time were Barnard Jackman, Samuel Lower, and Adam Hum.

The church dissolved in the 1880's.

### UNION CHURCH OF UNIONVILLE

About 1835 the people of the western part of the township built a small meeting house on the New Lisbon Road in which a society of Bible Christians and others worshipped—the others being mostly Church of God communicants, or Winebrennarians.

Ten years later the house was moved to a point three quarters of a mile northeast of its old site. The title was vested in Samuel Ney, David Galbraith, and Samuel Heaton and their successors as trustees "to be free to all the sons and daughters of Adam" for public worship.

## History of Columbiana Public Library

In 1932 when the Columbiana Parent-Teacher Association was first organized, that body looked about for some service they might render the community. Mrs. Roy Weaver, the president, and her executive committee realized the need of a public library. In November, 1932, Mrs. C. W. Griswold told the PTA about the library she had helped to organize and operate in McComb, her former home. She informed the assembly that up to five hundred books

could be borrowed from the circulating department of the Ohio State Library upon payment of the carrying charges and replacement of any books destroyed or lost. After a vote of the PTA to proceed with the establishment of a library, the following year in January Mrs. Weaver appointed a committee of Mrs. Griswold, Elmer Detwiler, and Mrs. Earl Newell to find a place for a library and the securing of an allotment of books from Columbus, which was the nucleus of the fine collection we have today. This shipment and subsequent shipments contained much fine classical literature, but little, if any, current literature.

Upon request the Village Council kindly agreed to permit the use of the city's building on West Friend Street and to furnish fuel and light for it. (This is the building formerly housing the village manager's office which was recently removed to another location to make room for parking.) On August 11, 1934, the first material—30 pieces—was circulated from this building.

For three years the Parent Teacher Association financed and operated the public library. In the beginning Helen Coblentz, now Mrs. Robert Maurer, acted as librarian. The library was then open for the distribution of books three days each week. When Miss Coblentz was married the library committee of the PTA, through the help of Mrs. L. I. Garrard, secured Mrs. Harry Dill, Jr., as librarian with Ellen Esterly and Ruth and Ada Newell for assistants. During this time the library was slowly becoming larger through donations from the townspeople and various local women's organizations and the continued assistance of the PTA and the manual training department of the public school.

In the summer of 1935 after the passage of the Ohio Intangible Tax Law for the assistance of libraries and schools, Mrs. Dill made inquiries of the State Librarian, Paul T. Noon, as to the procedure to follow to secure our share of such tax funds. Mr. Noon informed Mrs. Dill that he would come to Columbiana and explain to her and the committee what would be necessary. Mrs. Robert Esterly, chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Dill arranged a meeting to suit Mr. Noon's convenience. At this meeting Mr. Noon informed the committee it would be necessary for one of the departments of the local government or the public school board to pass a resolution establishing a public library for the use of any person in Columbiana County not already provided with such facilities, and to appoint a board of library trustees of seven members.

This resolution was enacted by the school board with Rev. Funk as president, and a Board of Trustees was appointed. This board consisted of Mrs. Virginia Felger, President, Mrs. Harry Dill, Jr., Mrs. Roy Weaver, Vice President, Mrs. Earl H. Newell, R. G. Oakes, Secretary, Rev. Stanley Fritz, and Dr. H. F. Campbell. Later C. B. Riggle was appointed to replace Rev. Fritz and Charles Fisher to replace Mrs. Dill, both of whom moved from Columbiana.

Upon organization of the library under a better financial setup, Mrs. Roy Weaver was hired as librarian by the board and William Miller was appointed to take her place on the board. The library was now open a part of each week day and the books were catalogued and marked under the supervision of a



trained library worker from Hiram College, Miss Orma Webster.

The first budget presented to the county commissioners was for \$4000, but only \$900 was apportioned the first year. The budget was to be divided 50 percent for books, 40 percent for personnel, and 10 percent for maintenance.

The library, still housed in the small building adjacent to the municipal building, continued to grow. In 1937 in cooperation with the PWA and the school board, construction was begun on a modest structure at 111 South Elm Street to house the collection. On September 2, 1939, numerous citizens and Mr. Paul Noon, the State Librarian, who had been most interested and helpful, attended an open house which formally opened the \$19,600 structure designed by Architect Frank Smith.

1940 was a year of firsts:

The first discussion was held concerning the unsatisfactory condition of the roof.

The first expansion was noted (shelving to hold a growing collection of books).

The librarian attended the first Ohio Library Association conference.

Clark Ogilvie donated the first plants.

In 1941:

The first letter was written by the board to the State Legislature concerning passage of a favorable piece of legislation.

The library was first opened at noon to accommodate students.

The first flood in the basement occurred (and has been happening ever since).

In 1942:

The first adult education class was held in the library — a Red Cross Home Nursing Course.

The budget was increased to \$3700.

In August 1944, Mrs. Felger resigned her seat on the board which she had held for ten years and her position as president to become the assistant or children's librarian. The treasurer, Mr. Oakes, was put on salary. Mrs. E. H. Newell was elected president.

In November of 1944, a building fund was established.

February of 1945 saw a four-day enforced closing to conserve fuel.

In the same month, the Burt Estate - \$23,833.28 (stocks, bonds and cash) - came as a bequest (named in Who's Who as largest in proportion to income of any library in U.S.)

Mr. Charles Keller was elected president in 1946.

The flowering crab trees were planted on the front lawn in April of 1947.

In 1948 the organization meeting was changed to January according to law, and the first State Report was filed.

In April, the office partition was enlarged.

In September 1949, the library was opened at lunch period Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for school children.

The budget was now \$6000. In 1950, the children's room was finished in the basement and opened. Merit

Badge Pamphlets were placed in the juvenile collection.

In March 1952, the Philologists first met in the library.

That year the first children's reading program was held—Cowgirls and Cowboys.

In March 1953 a gift from Gamma Eta plus a \$100 gift from the State Library started the record collection. The telephone was installed in May of that year.

In November of 1955, Dixon School Library was opened. Mrs. Felger, Betty Barnum, Helen Keck, Jean Parsly, Wilma Brubaker and Marge Peppel have assisted at this library over the years.

In February of 1956 a World Politics discussion group was held in the library.

In 1958 the budget was \$10,000. In January 1958, Mr. R. G. Oakes resigned as the clerk-treasurer, a position he had held for 21 years. He was replaced by F. R. Narragon as a member and clerk.

The 1959 budget was \$16,500. In May of 1959, the need for more space became imperative. The School Board was contacted for more ground for an addition. Financing and plans were agreed upon and bids were opened April 7, 1961. The contract was let to the Pesa Construction Co., The Firestone Electric Co., and the Salem Plumbing & Heating Co. for a total bid of \$30,317. The circulation had climbed to 73,096 for 1959. In November, it was voted to discontinue the Saturday evening hours. Mr. Narragon died February 14, 1962 and was replaced by Wilbur Beck as member and clerk.

In September 1962, a library was opened at South Side School two days a week and was staffed by the librarians who staffed the Dixon Library, working extra days.

In 1963, the librarian, Mrs. Weaver, was awarded a "Lifetime of Service" plaque by the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Felger was honored at the schools for 18 years of service.

In October 1964, the McNaughton plan, by which books are rented for a six-month period, was started, and is still used today to broaden the choice of our patrons.

In December, 1964, Mrs. Felger announced her retirement. Mrs. Clyde Douglass resigned from the board and was appointed to replace Mrs. Felger as children's librarian. She had been appointed to the board to replace her mother, Mrs. E. H. Newell, in 1961. Mrs. Newell had served on the board since its formation—27 years.

The 1964 circulation was 99,676; the budget for 1965 \$19,060; \$17,000 came from the intangibles tax of the county. In March of 1965, the highest monthly circulation to date was recorded—11,753 (has never been topped).

A children's story hour was begun in 1965 and continues with some changes at the present time. Barbara Crook was employed as assistant librarian.

A contract was written between the school and the library board in January of 1966. In April of that year a change was made from the use of numbers at the main library to signatures for checkout purposes.

In September of 1966 \$2000 was received for books of travel from the Vogelsson-Banninga estate. We were

also named alternate beneficiary in that will to the Columbiana Historical Society.

We were saddened by the death of Mrs. Virginia Felger in March of 1967. She had worked long and untiringly to build this library and its collection.

In the fall of 1967 the Columbiana librarians first hosted a meeting of all the Columbiana County librarians.

In November of 1968, Mrs. Weaver announced her retirement to be effective January 1, 1969. Mrs. Clyde Douglass was appointed librarian with Mrs. George Crook her assistant.

Hours were increased in March of that year and the Southside library was opened for five days each week. Mrs. Parsly was appointed librarian there and Mrs. Peppel was named librarian at Joshua Dixon.

Mrs. Douglass was given the "Citizen of the Year" Award by the local Chamber of Commerce in March of 1970. Two book stations — one at the National Union Bank, the other at the Columbiana Women's Club were approved and put into operation in September of 1970.

A sign was placed in the front of the library August, 1971 with the help of several community agencies. Hours were changed to the ones now observed—Monday through Friday — 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday — 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., a total of 53½ hours each week. A budget of \$20,000 a year was approved.

In July 1972, our library joined the Northeastern Ohio Library Organization—NOLA—a reference network including 25 libraries in five counties. The resources of all these libraries, the State Library and any library in Ohio become available to us through this network.

A county children's collection development project was a cooperative federally funded effort of all Columbiana County libraries from July 1972 to June 1973.

In September 1973, the former office was removed and a new checkout desk, office and shelving were installed in the adult department. The east end of the downstairs storage room was converted into a story hour and meeting room by the Senior Tri Hi Y of the High School. Carpeting was a memorial to Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Newell. Much use has been made of this room since its installation. Recently the Jaycees installed a ceiling.

Home delivery service was started in August of 1974 under the direction of Mrs. Galen Lehman, assistant librarian. Patrons are added as they request this service.

Since 1974, Joshua Dixon School library, served by librarian Mrs. David Peppel and a number of loyal volunteers, has been open four days a week.

Renovation of the front entrance hall and stairs to the basement was a project in 1974 sparked by a gift from Gamma Eta.

Interior and exterior painting was accomplished in 1975. Renovation of the restrooms and a rail down the middle of the front walk was also done.

The book stock has increased from the few hundred volumes in 1934 to approaching 39,800 at the end of 1975; the circulation of the first year of less than a thousand to well over 100,000; (highest ever) in 1975; the budget for 1976 has gone to nearly \$40,000. Since

beginning to use NOLA, reference questions in the thousands have been answered each year and the collections of all Ohio libraries are as near as the telephone. An 8mm film circuit will be provided by NOLA in 1976.

The life line of our library through the years has been gifts—from clubs, and from individuals—of both a service and material nature. Volunteers who help with our service to the schools make it possible for us to serve the children of our community better.

Ada (Mrs. Clyde) Douglass is head librarian and children's librarian; Barbara (Mrs. George) Crook is adult librarian, and Doris (Mrs. Galen) Lehman is assistant librarian in the adult department.

Marge (Mrs. David) Peppel is librarian at Dixon School and Jean (Mrs. E. A. ) Parsly serves as librarian at Southside School.

Mrs. William Kendall is an aide at the main library, and pages are Terry Elder, Darlene Allison, and Marcy Beck.

Members of the library board this year are Linda (Mrs. Larry) Detwiler, president; Joyce (Mrs. Daniel) Salchow, vice president; John Karlis, secretary; Don Hepp, clerk-treasurer; Barbara (Mrs. Robert L.) Maurer, Maurice Michaud, and Chester Urbschat.

— — Ada Douglass

## Firestone Recreation Park

One version of the circumstances of the founding of the 52-acre Firestone Recreation Park has it that Harvey S. Firestone, a man with strong ties in his home community, got to talking with a group of old friends one weekend at the Homestead about Columbiana's need for recreational facilities, and that the idea of filling this need for the people in the community appealed strongly to Mr. Firestone.

Another source says that a group of men—Ray J. Miller, Ray C. Miller, Dan Miller and Ray Fisher, among others— were standing and talking one night after Kiwanis meeting out in front of the old Christian Church and the conversation got around to the lack of recreational opportunities for the youngsters in town. Someone got the idea to go to Mr. Firestone to see if he'd be interested in doing something about it, and, as it turned out, he was.

However the idea came about, a few Columbiana men and Mr. Firestone did get together. There was a meeting in Akron on December 9, 1933, at which a tentative agreement was drawn up between Mr. Firestone and Dr. F. W. Trader, Dick Fitzpatrick, Dan J. Miller, and H. W. Hammond.

Here's how it went: "Mr. Firestone is the owner of approximately 42 acres of land situated on the north side of East Park Avenue in the Village of Columbiana, Ohio, and an additional 9.81 acres contiguous to the first mentioned tract and immediately east thereof, making a total acreage of 51.81 acres?"

"It is the desire of all to convert this acreage into a recreational park containing tennis courts, baseball diamonds, a football field, a swimming pool, and other park facilities. Also to reserve approximately 12 acres, the acreage to be reserved being that portion of the main tract lying immediately across East Park Avenue from the present cemetery and extending 150

feet west of the west line of the present cemetery. This particular tract to have a depth sufficient to embrace the acreage, hereinbefore indicated. It is the intention of the parties that although this particular acreage be reserved, it may be used for park purposes until such time as Mr. Firestone desires it to be used for some other purpose."

"It is the intention of the parties hereto that the entire acreage be deeded from the Park Terrace Land Co. to Harvey S. Firestone and that it be deeded by Mr. Firestone to the Village of Columbiana, Ohio, reserving title unto himself over that portion that should be indicated at that time as being reserved."

The agreement set conditions for the use of the property—that it be used always for park and recreational purposes and that it be maintained satisfactorily by the village. It further stated that violations of these conditions would be cause for the property to revert to Mr. Firestone or his heirs.

Further conditions were that (1) no concessions of any kind be permitted except within the bath house; (2) no weeds, underbrush or unsightly growths or unsightly objects be allowed on the premises; (3) no advertising device be erected on the premises; (4) no part of the property shall be "leased, rented, conveyed or otherwise alienated, nor shall the title of possession thereof pass to another without the written consent to the grantor, his heirs and assigns."

The outcome was that Mr. Firestone donated nearly 52 acres of land, valued at \$22,000, and \$25,000 in cash. The village paid \$15,000 and the rest was to come from the Public Works Administration (PWA), funds and labor amounting to nearly \$100,000.

Mayor Clyde Hart appointed Dr. Trader, Fitzpatrick, and Dan Miller to the first park board along with Ray Fisher and Ray C. Miller, and those men got down to the task of laying out the park facilities, meeting a total of sixteen times that first month of January 1934.

Their plans included the pool and bath house, tennis courts, the football stadium, the baseball field, a rifle range, picnic grounds, pavilions, landscaping, wells, parking lots, and the roads—everything, down to the last detail.

Ray C. Miller and Dan Miller must have been golfers, because they kept bringing up the idea of a nine-hole golf course—at least it kept appearing in the minutes until Harvey Firestone himself finally laid the idea to rest.

Architects Boucherly and Goodwin were engaged and plans were submitted to the PWA and approved. Earl H. Newell was the contractor, and the cost of construction was estimated at \$70,000.

(Labor rates were 50 cents an hour and carpenters and plumbers got \$1.20 an hour. Sand and slag were \$1.90 a ton and white pine boards were 6 and ½ cents a foot. Bricks were \$25 a thousand.)

Through the efforts of Dan Miller and Ray Fisher, the cornerstone for the bath house was obtained from the remains of the old grist mill at Sprucevale, an old landmark from the days of the Sandy and Beaver Canal.

The first, and to date the most popular of the park's attractions, the swimming pool, was opened July 26, 1935, just about eighteen months after plans had

begun. The first lifeguards were Perry Kyser, Clyde Harrold and Hubert Clapp. Ticket seller was Garnet Miller (now Mrs. Howard Maurer).

Prices were 10 cents for children up to 14 and 20 cents for adults. Records show that the pool did very well that first year—proceeds were \$1,188 and expenses were just \$681.

(Incidentally, the very first swimmers were the park board members themselves. On an inspection tour before opening day, members Trader, Fitzpatrick, and the two Millers swam until 2 a.m. in a pool only half-filled with water!)

In February 1937, construction, under the WPA, started on the two stone pavilions. Later came concrete bleachers for the baseball field, brick gutters along the drives, the lake, a rifle range, and concrete walks around the pool, for a total cost of \$63,330.

Harvey Firestone showed a great deal of interest while all the work was going on, and he made a number of inspection trips during those early years. Dedication was held in 1937, although some of the projects were not completed until the following year, after Mr. Firestone's death.

It's been said that he might be buried on the hill in the park had it not been for a session at the Homestead when he suggested that the village buy ten acres east of the cemetery and deed him what he needed for his family memorial. That's what eventually happened, and the hill area of the park right across East Park Avenue from the cemetery remains in reserve for the Firestone heirs according to the terms of the original agreement.

The original park board hired James Wiand to be the first park superintendent, and he served from July 1935 to November 1937. Subsequent superintendents have been Charles Coppock, November '37 to January '43; Oscar Leshner, January '43 to August '46; Ed Peters, August '46 to January '47; Robert N. Miller, April '47 to January '48; and Perry Kyser, who served more than 24 years, from March '48 to December '72.

Since January 1973, when the village charter went into effect, the park, along with the cemetery, has been under the jurisdiction of the newly-created Park, Recreation, and Cemetery Board with John Neihsel as superintendent.

Present board members are Don Warren, chairman, Bruce Feicht, Sam Ferguson, Wayne Bauer, Sam Lindsay, and Jack Sittler.

(From notes by Ray Maurer)

## The Bicentennial Log House

Between 11 p.m. and midnight on Tuesday, September 23, 1975, a 150-year-old (or thereabouts) log house which had just broken free of the accoutrements of as many years' settlement on West Railroad Street began a slow but steady course east on Railroad and north on Main to the Public Square, with the help of Leroy Clingerman and his house-moving crew.

The moving of the old house, on a chilly, rainy night, with at least fifty people looking on, climaxed a hurried few weeks of activity on the part of the newly, and informally, organized Log Cabin Committee.

Here's what happened. The building in question had been sold to the Columbiana Boiler Company, to be

demolished and the basement cavity used as a depository for dirt from an excavation for an oil tank.

Jim Sitler happened to be at the sale of the household effects of the previous owner and found out that the house was log.

There'd been talk about getting a log house for the Bicentennial—Mary Bookwalter had wanted one to put on the Bookwalter lot on the square. So Jane White talked to the Barrow family, who agreed to pay for the moving and for restoration materials, and Al Wardingley tended to the technical details and got council's approval, and Clingerman was engaged.

The house was moved to the Bookwalter lot, and an auspicious beginning was brought to a successful conclusion.

But the hardest part was yet to come—the restoration. Jim Sitler was "chief" of that department, and the first thing he did was to enlist the aid of Norm Spiker and the Boy Scouts of Troops 16 and 18, who tore off the inside and outside plaster and shingles and began chinking between the logs. Two of the Scouts, Jeff Burt of Troop 16 and Ken Durr of Troop 18, coordinated the work of the scouts for their Eagle projects.

Eugene Dudash and a crew from Kaiser Refractories finished up the chinking by the automatic "gunnite" process; Charles Scott and Bill Lanzendorfer built two chimneys—one on either side; John Wolford built the doors and the porch.

To put it briefly, in the short space of two months, almost two hundred people donated either labor or materials toward the completion of the restoration, and Dedication Day was set for Saturday, November 29. As it turned out, that day, like moving day, was rainy. Here's the account from the Ledger:

"A slow, steady rain dampened the proceedings at Saturday's Log House dedication, but it didn't seem to have the same effect on the spirits of the crowd gathered to watch.

Although the temperature hovered at the 40-degree mark, some 500 persons turned out for the climax of the two-month-old Log House project and to file through later to see what two months' work had wrought.

The newly-constructed front porch, floored with barn planking and roofed with shakes, sheltered the principals in the program, presided over by Bicentennial Commission Chairman Jack Sitler in colonial garb.

Harold Armstrong, immediate past commander of Benjamin Firestone Post 290 of the American Legion, substituting for Commander Clarence Baker, made the presentation of the American flag and flagpole, both donated by the Legion post.

State Representative John Wargo then presented both an Ohio flag and a Bicentennial flag, and all three flags were hoisted by a Legion color guard including Al Hayes, Bob Patchen, Melvin Nulf, and Ed Holisky while Sally Bricker sang the National Anthem.

Wargo also presented a commendation to the community from the Ohio House of Representatives.

When Jane White of the Log House Committee extended thanks to the Bookwalter family for their gift of the land on which the house stands, Dr. Lee

Bookwalter acknowledged the gesture by noting the family's indebtedness to the people who changed the project from a family onto one involving the entire community.

Dr. Bookwalter then presented the deed for the property to Mayor Charles Dotson, who reminded the assemblage that the gift was indicative of the concern the Bookwalters have long demonstrated for the village.

Then the man who was virtually "chief" of the reconstruction of the house, Jim Sitler, extended the committee's "thank you" to the Barrow family.

When the house was adjacent to the Columbiana Boiler Co. offices and was slated for demolition, it was the Barrows who donated it to the Bicentennial effort and paid for its moving.

Robert S. Barrow and John J. Barrow made the acknowledging remarks and presented the house key to Jack Sitler.

Two plaques were presented—one honoring the Barrow and Bookwalter families, which was mounted on the front outside wall, and a second in appreciation to Jim Sitler, which was placed on the inside back wall near the back door.

The ceremony came to a close with the cutting of a red, white, and blue ribbon across the doorway by Donna (Mrs. Robert) Barrow and Helen (Mrs. John) Barrow, and the house was opened for inspection.

Others taking part in the ceremony were Joan Coppock, organist; the Rev. Floyd Gaugler of the First United Methodist Church who gave the invocation and benediction; the Boy Scouts of Troops 16, 18, and 69 who gave the Pledge of Allegiance under the direction of Ken Durr; and the Columbiana High School chorus and band, under the direction of, respectively, Polly Boston and Richard Marflak."

We've been told the house was probably built between 1820 and 1830. The property on which it stood was part of a land grant signed by President James Madison in 1813. Jacob Nessley bought Section 9, Township 12, Range 2, which contained this particular property, at a sale in Steubenville and at his death in 1827 left it to his daughter, Alice Groff. In 1828 it passed to Amanda Groff, who married John Groff, and the two laid out Todd's Addition to Columbiana. In 1840 they sold 160 acres to Daniel and Susan Deemer and Martha and William Lamb, who, in 1862, sold eleven lots to Daniel Stouffer for \$906.

Stouffer and his wife, Sarah, sold the lot in question to William Brennaman in 1870, and when he died in 1914 the lot was sold to Susan Hostetler for \$800. She sold it in 1919 to Emil Strank.

Strank remodeled the house, replacing the wooden shake roof with slate and raising the house and putting in a stone foundation. He added a front porch and a back lean-to for a kitchen. He died in 1950, and in 1960 his heirs sold the house to Mrs. Evelyn Fields, from whom the Barrows bought it in 1975.

The members of the Log House Committee were Jim Sitler and Jane White, co-chairmen, Nora and Bill Salmen, Mary Bookwalter, Helen Barrow, Kathryn Fuhrman, Harry Lundgren, Jack Sitler, Al Wardingley, and Norm Spiker.



## Cool Springs Cemetery

Cool Springs Cemetery, at the junction of Crestview and Woodville Roads in Fairfield Township Section 20, was a Quaker burial ground in its early years.

A burial ground was already established at the site when a log meeting house—The West Fairfield Friends' Meeting (Orthodox)—was built at the southeast corner of the intersection in 1808.

Graves of Quakers, simply marked with common fieldstones, joined the earlier ones, and it is believed that around 300 burials were made in the southern triangle of the present graveyard.

The meeting house, after 1828, was used also by the Hicksite friends—on alternate Sundays—and also served as a public meeting place for the people of the village of Cool Springs (later Unionville), especially for anti-slavery gatherings.

In the late 1850's, since many Quakers had moved westward and the log building had deteriorated, it was replaced by a frame church built about 1835 which was moved from the Beilhart place on what is now Route 164.

On April 21, 1859, the three-acre plot including the frame church and the burial ground was deeded by Samuel and Mahlon Erwin, son and grandson of James Erwin, the original settler, for public use. (The committee named in the deed were Samuel Heaton, David Galbreath, and Samuel Neigh.)

The building became a Union church, and the cemetery was labeled Union Cemetery on many maps. The church was used until the early 1900's when it was moved from the location.

The cemetery eventually fell into disuse, and the field where the meeting house had been was farmed by a neighbor in exchange for care of the cemetery.

On November 27, 1941, a committee of friends and descendants of those buried there asked the Fairfield Township Trustees to take over the care of the cemetery and to establish its name as "Cool Springs Cemetery." Miss Mary Caldwell, great-granddaughter of the original owner, James Erwin, had worked hard and long in the cause of restoring the cemetery, and a quit-claim deed from the church trustees finally paved the way for the township to assume care.

A neighborhood 4-H Club, the "Fairfield Junior Farmers" under the leadership of Curney Converse and Ernest Call, cleaned out brush and briars in the 1950's and has continued through the years mowing, re-setting gravestones, and leveling.

A donation of Mary Caldwell's was a fence for the cemetery, and there is now a boulder at the front gate placed by Roy Crook on which the words "Cool Springs" are carved. The cemetery is laid out in saleable lots in the northern part.

Curney Converse is now buried there (October 8, 1975) as is his son Philip (April 28, 1972), who was a great-great-grandson of David and Sarah Paxson Galbreath, who were buried there in 1878 and 1869. Albert Crook and Mabel Richardson Crook, father and wife of Roy Crook, were both buried there in 1966, and Roy Christ was buried there in 1975.

Cool Springs Cemetery is sometimes referred to as "Devil's Den," and folklore gives us several versions of the reason why.

One believable version centered on the fiery anti-slavery views of the founders. Another attributes it to the openness of the "union" idea for the church, which welcomed people of widely differing faiths, and which might have been distasteful to the more rigid denominations.

Whatever the source, the name was hated by those who had family ties in the origin of the church and had loved ones buried in the cemetery.

(From notes by Beulah Bell Converse)

## Esterly Cemetery

When Catherine Esterly, wife of Michael, died in 1831, she was buried on a little rise of ground across the Beaver Creek and due west of the Esterly homestead on Section 5 of Fairfield Township. This was the beginning of the Esterly burial ground, located on Cherry Fork Road about two miles west of Columbiana.

From then on, it was Michael's intention to reserve this plot of land for the burial place for members of his family, and when he sold the farm to his son, that is what he did. He had previously sold adjacent land south of the cemetery to Fairfield Township School District where the Cherry Fork School was built, but reservation was made that the schoolhouse property should be available for use for burial if it were needed.

The next burial was that of Jonathan Rukenbrod, husband of Michael's youngest daughter Anna Marie, who died in 1840. Then Anna Marie died in 1843, as did Michael Esterly himself.

With the exception of little Michael, who drowned at the age of seven in the Allegheny River, and the eldest Esterly son, George, all of the Esterly offspring and their husbands or wives are buried here. Michael and Catherine's resting place is marked by a large boulder.

More than 30 stones have been counted, and there are some small flat stones that might have marked the graves of infants.

Here are the names and dates of death of others buried in the Esterly Cemetery:

Jacob (1875), and his wife Barbara Muckenfoos Esterly (no date); John (1886) and his wife Miranda Scoggins Esterly (1880); Catherine and her husband George Renkenberger (both 1851); Salome (1852), wife of Johannes Esterly; Catherine (1858), wife of D. Strohaker; Jonathan Fesler (1861); Catherine Scoggins (1866); Sarah (1877), wife of Jonathan Fesler; Levi E. Esterly (1880); Maria Scoggins (1886); Joseph Kyser (1891); Jacob (1898) and his wife Malinda Esterly (1916); Sophia Esterly (1916); Elizabeth Ann Esterly (1927); Rachel Ann Esterly (1935); Tryphosa Esterly (1937); Miranda Esterly (1939); and Adela (1938) and Elnora (1939), daughters of Jacob and Malinda Esterly.

The Esterly Cemetery is now under the care of the Fairfield Township Trustees.

## Hum (Liberty Hill) Cemetery

The Hum Cemetery, in Fairfield Township Section 14 on Metz Road, about a mile west of the Route 7 junction, was established as a family cemetery by Jacob Hum and his wife, Elizabeth Long Hum. Jacob's was the first burial there, in 1841.

On June 21, 1873, the quarter-acre plot was deeded by Jacob's son, John Hum, and his wife Martha Rymer Hum, to the Ohio Wesleyan Society—the Liberty Hill Wesleyan Methodist Church was nearby—through trustees Adam Hum, Jacob Fitzpatrick, and John Witt.

On January 21, 1975, title passed to the Fairfield Township Trustees from the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection at Indiana, Pennsylvania.

There have been between 60 and 70 burials in the Hum Cemetery altogether, the latest that of Homer Ray in 1965. Two Civil War veterans are buried there: Sgt. J. E. Woods, Co. F, 143rd Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; and Christian Schultz, Co. D, 175th Ohio Infantry.

Families other than Hums interred in the cemetery include Worman, Woods, Rymer, Reimer, Lower, Houlette, Rothwell, Scarlott, Seederly, Ray, and Miller.

### East Fairfield Cemetery

Located in Section 36 of Fairfield Township, East Fairfield cemetery began as the Christian Church Cemetery. Job Wickersham and his wife, Hannah, deeded to Joseph Morlan, John Barnes, John Ferrell, Thomas Hawkins, and John Crager, "Trustees of Church called Christian", one acre on November 5, 1823.

On September 11, 1883, an adjacent tract of land, one and 11 / 100 acres, was deeded to the trustees of Fairfield Township, and on April 3, 1956, Edna and Harvey Weber deeded 58 / 100 of an acre to the township trustees.

On March 20, 1975, the Ohio Society of Christian Churches deeded the Christian Church Cemetery to the Fairfield Township trustees.

### Mount Sion Cemetery

No date is given for the transaction in which Nathaniel Engle deeded to Josiah Engle, Joel F. Richey, and Thomas Tullar, trustees of Mount Sion Christian Church (which stood near Middleton on Columbiana-Middleton Road) one-half acre of ground for cemetery purposes.

The trustees paid \$45 for the land, adjoining the Middleton Friends burial ground on Kirk Road, in Section 26 of Fairfield Township.

On April 7, 1975, the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ deeded the Mount Sion Cemetery to the township trustees, who had assumed care of the cemetery in May 1940.

### Bethel Cemetery

Bethel Cemetery is a quarter-acre plot adjacent to Bethel Methodist Church in Section 29. On January 5, 1888, Thomas F. and Mary Holloway deeded the property to Fairfield Township trustees A. C. Shields, George Candel, and Jacob Detwiler.

### Abandoned Cemeteries

The first Middleton Friends burying ground lay on the east side of Route 7 at Middleton near the location of the Friends' school behind Mr. Warner's gas station.

The Frederick family cemetery of about sixteen

graves is on a knoll east of the barn on the Harry Neihsel farm in the southern part of Section 6. Members of the Frederick family would make annual trips from Chicago by way of the Pennsylvania Railroad to Leetonia to mow and take care of this cemetery.

In Section 5 along the Lake-to-River Highway (Route 11) are buried members of the Royer family. Mr. Royer left Germany to escape serving in the army and hired out to a Wilhelm family as hired man. He married a Wilhelm daughter and lived in the area all his life.

In Section 32 north of Route 517 on the north bank of a deep ravine is the Freed cemetery, with also a few other family names. Mr. Freed built Cline's Mill and was an early settler.

### Columbiana Cemetery

It's quite likely that there was a small burial ground on the East Park Avenue hill before Columbiana Cemetery was established there in 1868.

The story is told that a small girl, a member of a wagon train heading west in the early 1800's, was the first to be buried on Cemetery Hill. She died while her family, like other families of many other wagon trains, were camped there for the night.

At any rate, the vantage fathers back in the 1860's deemed the spot a perfect location for a cemetery, and in February 1868 at the Court of Common Pleas in (New) Lisbon, the following transaction was recorded:

"To all persons to whom these presents come greetings: Whereas at a term of the Court of Common Pleas held in the Court House at New Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio, in October A.D. 1867, the said Court by their decree did authorize and empower Robert G. Woods to sell at Public Sale, as a whole or in part, forty-nine acres of the southwest quarter of Section No. Three, Township No. Twelve, and Range No. Two in County and State aforesaid; and whereas the said Robert G. Woods, having given public notice of the time and place of sale of said land by printing a notice thereof thirty consecutive days prior thereto in the Ohio Patriot, a newspaper published in said County, did on Friday, the 28th day of February A.D. 1868 cause the said premises to be exposed for sale, pursuant to said decree, on the premises, and struck off to James O'Rourke as agent of the Mayor and Town Council of the town of Columbiana that part of the said tract of land hereinafter described, he being the highest and best bidder there fore."

"Now Therefore Know Ye that I, Robert G. Woods, by virtue of the authority and decree given me by the said Court, and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred and Ninety Six Dollars (it being two-thirds of the appraisement) to me in hand paid by James O'Rourke as agent as aforesaid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do by these presents bargain, give, grant, sell to James O'Rourke as said agent, T. C. Allen, Noah Strickler, Jeremiah Groner, Henry Smith, and Jacob Baird, Mayor and Council of the Town of Columbiana..." (The rest is illegible.)

"That part of the said tract hereinafter described" comprised eight acres, and to pay for it, Village Council had passed, on April 20, 1867, Ordinance No. 43, which stated: "That for the purpose of purchasing grounds for cemetery purposes, and embellishing the

same, it is hereby ordained that a tax of one per cent per annum for two years be levied upon the taxable property within the said incorporated village, and also that in addition thereto, there shall be levied a tax of two mills per annum on the dollar on said taxable property for the period of six years, for the same purpose. I. T. Barclay, Mayor; I. F. Sturgeon, Recorder."

Once the land was purchased, the cemeteries adjoining the various churches were discontinued. An ordinance passed in 1880 provided for the removal of visible graves from other locations within the village to the new Columbiana Cemetery.

Three tracts of land have been added to the original eight acres since the cemetery's establishment; two tracts of 2.9 acres each, deeded by Ray Fitzpatrick in 1935 and 1938, and a ten-acre tract purchased in 1935 from I & H Crum.

A mausoleum was built in the 1920's. The white frame building called "the stick house" because of its unusual construction (the framework is on the outside), which, as a chapel, had occupied the mausoleum site, was moved to an area adjacent to the northwest drive. It was turned into a tool shed later, but when a new tool house was built it was remodeled and used as a chapel again until the present brick chapel was built in 1971.

The new chapel, which stands opposite the War Memorial at the cemetery's south end, was built with funds provided by Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan, Jr., in memory of Mr. Ryan's parents, John and Emma Ryan, who had operated Ryan's news stand on Main Street for more than 40 years.

According to an old (undated) newspaper article, there are at least 171 men who were killed in wars resting in Columbiana Cemetery.

"Most startling figure is the one on Civil War casualties," the article states. "The total, according to present records, is 110—an impressive number, considering the size of the town and the township.

"Jacob Seachrist is the lone Revolutionary War casualty, although the (Historical) society has found indications that there are probably two more buried there.

"Likewise, two names—Isaac Hurtman and John Windle—are listed for the War of 1812, although there are believed to be others"

"There are 40 graves of World War I casualties, and 18 from World War II and the Korean conflict."

## **The Firestone Memorial (In Columbiana Cemetery)**

Sometime before his death in 1938, Harvey S. Firestone began working with landscape architect Alling S. DeForest and architect William Henry Deacey on the project that was to become the Harvey S. Firestone Memorial.

Through an agreement with the village, he had acquired the right to control the development of the ten-acre tract annexed to the cemetery in 1935, and he planned it so that the arrangement of the graves in the new tract would complement the placement of the memorial.

In accordance with his plan, the frontage of the tract

along East Park Avenue was to be maintained as a park, and the subdivision into burial lots would begin no less than 250 feet from the road.

The memorial, of sculptured granite, was to be built some 350 feet from East Park on the western edge of the tract.

The family lot was divided into six parts, for the five sons and one daughter and their families. The graves of Mr. and Mrs. Firestone were to be within the central grass plot of the circular colonnade. Ledger stones were to be used over the graves so there would be no monuments to detract from the memorial itself.

Mr. Deacey based the design of the memorial on the unity of the family. The Firestone family, father, mother and six children, is expressed by eight Greek Doric columns, two of which are emphasized sculpturally to honor the father and the mother. The Doric order was selected because of its impression of strength and dignity.

These columns are arranged in a circle to symbolize eternity. The stylobate on which the columns rest is in three steps, a symbol of the Holy Trinity.

The entablature is taken from the ancient Greek monument, The Gateway of Thrasyllus. On the outer surface of the frieze over each column is carved a laurel wreath upright symbolizing victory of life over death and reward in heaven. On the inner frieze the wreath is myrtle, symbol of love.

To designate the main approach and further to embellish and tie together the two parent columns a sculptural group is placed in the architrave and frieze, with a connecting panel bearing the inscription:

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

Harvey Firestone died on February 7, 1938. Plans were drawn and the construction was started in April 1939. Planting was begun that year and the lawn was seeded in the spring of 1940.

Mr. Firestone's remains, which had been interred in the old Firestone family plot, were moved the week of September 24 and the memorial was dedicated on Saturday, September 28, 1940.

(From material supplied by the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company)

## **The Columbiana Volunteer Fire Department**

According to Fire Department records, Columbiana had an organization known as "Columbiana Fire Company" as early as 1840, with equipment consisting of ladders, hooks and buckets.

The water supply came from private wells, most of which were located in the front yards of homes. One person was stationed at the well to pump, while the others formed a line to pass buckets of water to pour on the blaze.

In the 1860's, the name of the fire brigade was changed to Lafayette Fire Company. Also during that decade, fire cisterns were installed along Main Street, the largest of which, measuring about 15 feet in diameter, stood in the center of the square.

An ordinance passed in 1872 provided for a fire marshal to take charge of and keep in repair a hand engine purchased by the town. The engine was manned by four or five men at either side who pumped the hand bars up and down in the manner of a railroad hand-car.

In 1884 the fire company was reorganized under the name "Hope Fire Company." Isaiah Flickinger was president of the 24-member company.

With the completion of the water works and electric light plant in 1895, Columbiana was able, the next year, to initiate a central pumping system.

There was a man on duty around the clock, and when a fire was reported he would blow the whistle and start the pumps to increase the pressure to the water mains. At the Columbiana Boiler fire, the chief called in several times for more pressure and the man at the water works raised the pressure so high it ruptured many hot water tanks.

At about the same time, the fire company was again reorganized, taking the name, The Independent Hose Company.

In 1911 council bought a combination hose and ladder wagon for \$400, and in 1918 a Reo speed wagon combination chemical, ladder, and hose truck was purchased. (People with pick-up trucks would pull the hose cart to the fire.

About 1918 water began to be pumped by electricity from the Edgerton farm into the standpipe on West Street, and the electric siren replaced the whistle.

Use of the standpipe, however, created pressure problems, so council approved the purchase of a 500-gallon-per-minute Stutz costing \$8,500.

In 1937 came the final name change, to the Columbiana Volunteer Fire Department.

In the early years, the department had no chiefs--the head fireman was the company president. The first recorded chief is Jacob L. Hum in 1919. Harvey Hisey served the longest, from 1920 to 1955, when he was succeeded by his son, Don, who served until 1960. Marcus Hum was fire chief from 1960 to 1968, and Earl Hicks served from 1968 to 1972. Charles Esenwein, who succeeded to the position in 1972, now serves as chief.

Present equipment includes a 500-gallon 1937 Stutz, a 500-gallon 1950 International, a 750-gallon 1959 Piersch pumper, a 1971 Piersch pumper of the same capacity, foam equipped, and a 1975 Dodge 250-gallon Mini-Pumper which serves as a grass fire and rescue truck.

Department membership is now 24.

## **The Columbiana Auxiliary Police**

In 1954 a Civil Defense unit was established in Columbiana, and Police Chief William McGuckin instructed the first class of 22 men. A second class taught by Robert Exten brought the unit's strength to 42, and, in accordance with CD practice, the local men were called to serve in emergency situations over a wide area.

A year or two later, however, after deciding they'd rather work only in their own community, the men in the unit disassociated from Civil Defense and formed the first Auxiliary Police unit in the area.

Art Carpenter was named commander, and the unit was divided into three squads, with Carpenter heading one, and Sgt. Gene Hanna and Sgt. Herb Scott leading the other two.

Almost immediately after the reorganization catastrophe hit Leetonia in the form of a tornado, and the new unit promptly set aside its rule on staying in Columbiana. Ever since, the men have made themselves available for any emergency situation--in Columbiana or in nearby communities.

Briefly, the Auxiliary Police unit serves as a backup unit for the Columbiana Police. Whenever the police have a bigger situation than they can handle by themselves, the men of the Auxiliary unit can be there to assist.

The Main Street fire of 1956 was one of their first, and most serious, challenges. And they've been on the job during train wrecks, serious accidents, storms and power failures.

They keep busy during less troubled times, too. We see them often directing traffic during school and community events, and we couldn't do without them at Street Fair time.

The unit offers a training course for new members, covering traffic handling, making out reports, first aid, use of firearms, and skills needed in assisting regular officers.

At present the unit has a membership of 20, including the three women dispatchers. Herbert Scott, the only remaining charter member, is Captain, and second in command is Lt. George Zohnd.

Lt. Herman Guy heads A Squad, which includes Patrolmen James Morris, Fred Houlette, Randy Kramer, Greg Sponseller, and Kathy Hirt.

Leader of B Squad is Lt. Melvin Nulf, with Patrolmen James Schmidt, Dennis Unkefer, Thomas Kirkham, Robert Hum, and Eloise Miller serving under him.

C Squad leader is Lt. Frank Nulf. His group includes Patrolmen George Arkwright, Richard Black, Leonard Hickman, Robert Hostetter, and Leah Palmer.

## **Allen Lodge No. 276, Free and Accepted Masons:**

In the year 1855, fifteen Columbiana men petitioned Perry Lodge in Salem for permission to start a Masonic Lodge in their home town. The lodge was chartered October 18 of that year; and in November the first officers were installed. D. K. Bertolette was the first Worshipful Master.

For the first eight years, meetings were held in the Freed building at the northeast corner of Main and Railroad Streets. After that the Lodge moved several times until it settled in the First National Bank building (now the AAA office) in 1905.

On September 15, 1974, Allen Lodge members dedicated their new temple, the first building ever owned by the lodge in its 120-year history.

Although several attempts had been made during the lodge's long history to build a temple, nothing ever came of the idea until 1962 when the Allen Lodge Temple Corporation, headed by William F. Smith, was formed to plan the temple's construction.



In 1970 the lodge purchased from George Robertson an eight-acre tract bounded by Route 14 and New Springfield Road. Ground was broken and construction began on May 15, 1974, and the cornerstone-laying and dedication took place exactly four months later, and twelve years to the day after the forming of the Temple Corporation. Construction was completed in December.

The new temple measures 42 by 116 feet, and includes a meeting room, fellowship hall, kitchen, and lodge offices. The meeting room, measuring 41 by 55 feet, has permanent seating for more than 100.

Officers for 1976 are: John P. McHenry, worshipful master; Robert E. McLaughlin, senior warden; Richard L. Brintzenhofe, junior warden; Wilder A. Foertch, secretary; Bill L. Willis, treasurer; William L. Greathouse, senior deacon; John Harley, junior deacon; Clyde M. Wallingford, tyler; Steve J. Jasecko, senior steward; Mark Chellis, junior steward; Richard P. Anderson, chaplain; and George A. Robertson, educational officer.

Anderson, Orlen L. Henderson, and David D. Claypoole are trustees.

## **Columbiana Chapter No. 428, Order of Eastern Star:**

Columbiana Chapter was instituted March 29, 1920, in the Masonic Hall on South Main Street. Sixty-five persons signed the petition for dispensation. First Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron were Helen Henderson and Fred C. Hartman.

Leetonia Chapter assisted in establishing the local chapter, and every year since then it has been the custom to invite the Leetonia group, the Mother Chapter, to celebrate the anniversary.

Of the original 65, three are still members of the Order.

They are Norma Morris Forbes, Maybelle Todd, and Helen Henderson. Other fifty-year members in Columbiana Chapter are Myrtle Barrow, Vincent Basinger, Ann Dewalt, Betty Harrold, Caroline Hartsough, Allen Heston, Hazel Hooper, Sarah Huntt, Ruth Lehman, Lela Mallory, Lydia Patchen, Hazel Roller, Harriet Stahl, and Frances Wells.

Grand appointments from Columbiana have been Helen Henderson, Grand Representative to Maryland; 1923; Hazel Rearick, Deputy Grand Matron, 1935; Louise Gormley, Deputy Grand Matron, 1947; Marie Lundgren, Deputy Grand Matron, 1959; Virginia Burkey, Deputy Grand Matron, 1969.

The chapter sponsored an Assembly of the Order of Rainbow for Girls beginning in 1958, but the unit disbanded in the early 1970's.

Officers for 1976 are: Ellen Ross, worthy matron; John Harley, worthy patron; Patricia Greathouse, associate matron; William Greathouse, associate patron; Louise Gormley, secretary; Eleanor Whitfield, treasurer; Mae Rardin, conductress; Mildred Harding, associate conductress; Ralph Rardin, chaplain; Ruth Dillon, marshal; Irene Hum, organist; Rae Whitten, Adah; Grace Bregar, Ruth; Elaine Exten, Esther; Mary Harley, Martha; Elizabeth Miller, Electra; Gertrude Brown, warder; Harry Lundgren, sentinel.

Mrs. Gormley is in her 26th year as secretary, and Mrs. Whitfield has been treasurer for nine years.

The 252-member chapter meets each second Tuesday, except in July and August, at the new Masonic Temple on Springfield Road.

## **The Boy Scouts in Columbiana:**

When the Boy Scouts of America was new, every town had a Troop 1, as did Columbiana. The earliest recorded time for a Scout troop here was 1917, and this troop was to be the nucleus of Troop 16.

There were so many Boy Scouts in 1924 that the first troop was divided into two—Troop 1 and Troop 2. Then in 1928 the two troops were combined and chartered as Troop 16. Because of the loss of records for the next ten years, it is not known whether the troop was in continuous operation, but from 1938 through 1940 Troop 16 was chartered with the First Methodist Church as the sponsoring organization.

The troop number was changed to 70 when it was sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church from 1941 to 1943, but the next year the troop was back under the aegis of the Methodists. It remains there today, proud of its 33 continuous chartered years.

Thirteen scoutmasters have served Troop 16 and its predecessors. They are Oliver Harrold, L. T. Lyder, Charles H. Reinehr, C. F. Coppock, Clyde Harrold, George Robertson, Ted Holtz, Donald Jones, John R. Meighen, Erwin Nowicki, Earl Kyser, Thomas Callahan, and Walter Burt.

Thirty-nine Troop 16 scouts have attained Eagle rank. They are: Fred Detwiler, Richard Lehman, Raymond Hartsough, Clyde Harrold, and Hubert Clapp, 1928; Larry Stacey, 1949; David Evans and Joseph Reeves, 1951; Arnold Elser and Larry Bailey, 1952; Randy Bailey, 1953; Robert L. Maurer, 1956; Neil Joehschen, 1957; Kenneth Bailey, David Mundy, Thomas White, John Lindsay, and Dean Hetrick, 1958; Clyde Richardson, Philip Nelson and Herbert Steeb, 1959; Paul Long, Edward Detwiler, Ronald Jones and John Dunbar, 1963; James DeAtley and Ronald DeAtley, 1965; Trevor Rummel, James Schmidt, and William Meighen, 1967; Dale Bauman, Thomas Callahan, and Dennis DeAtley, 1968; Michael Oliver, 1969; Gary Evankovich, Robert Hartsough, and Donald Garver, 1972; Jeffrey Burt and Douglas Jones, 1975.

Present scoutmaster is Walter Burt, with Joseph Dillon, Don Garver and Ron DeAtley as assistants.

Troop 18 was organized in December 1947 with Benjamin Firestone Post 290 of the American Legion as the sponsoring organization. Grant Culp was chairman of the troop committee and Harold Burkle, David Holloway and George Hoaglin served with him. Burkle was institutional representative.

Edgar Moser Jr. was the first scoutmaster, and N. W. Pregoner Jr. and Richard Wenderoth were assistants. There were 21 boys on the first roster.

Subsequent scoutmasters have been James Easley, Robert Patchen, William Frank, Robert Antram, William Fahndrick, and Norman Spiker. Ed Flinn is scoutmaster at present, with Spiker serving as assistant.

Troop 18 has brought 28 boys to Eagle rank so far: Bruce Miller, 1951; Sam Walker, 1952; Charles Beiling, 1957; Norman Spiker and James Rupert, 1958; Duane Spiker, 1959; Jack Brown, Robert Foster,

Gary Schlag, and Lloyd Miller, 1963; Albert Barber, 1964; Tom Hess, William Cyrus, William Newell, and Thomas Keylor, 1965; James Leonard, Clifford Newell, John Morlan, Robert Spaite, Robert Hum and Mark Crook, 1966; James Dillon, 1969; Marvin Newell, 1970; Dan Corll, 1972; Mark Corll, Eric Durr and David Tatman, 1973, and Ken Durr, 1976.

Jerusalem Lutheran Church sponsors Columbiana's newest scout organization, Troop 69, chartered in May 1965.

Ten boys were on the first roster, with Melvin Nulf as their scoutmaster and Jerry Cross as assistant. Art Hickman was chairman of the troop committee, whose members were Ray Fisher, Andy Crouse, Don Nicholson, Paul Morgenstern, Henry Todd, Bill Rapp, and Ray Corll. George Kuzma was institutional representative.

Scouts Charles Lake, Richard Crouse, David Peterson, Donald Lipe, and Steve Burbick have attained Eagle rank from Troop 69.

Don Hawkins succeeded Nulf as scoutmaster, and Roger Griffin serves as scoutmaster at present.

Troop 69 is unique among the Columbiana troops for the reason that it adopted a troop name, "Gamuwrgi Tribe." According to Hawkins, the word "Gamuwrgi" is Shawnee for "rain." It was chosen because the boys used to say that every time they went camping, it rained. A Shawnee word was picked because the Columbiana troops are in the Shawnee District of Columbiana Council.

Gamuwrgi Tribe has its own meeting place—a barn owned by the church on adjacent property.

## **The Columbiana-Fairfield Township Historical Society:**

In the spring of 1953, Columbiana Ledger editor Wayne Paulson and Roy Guy met to discuss the organization of a historical society in Columbiana.

Later, after meeting with the presidents of the Wellsville and East Liverpool historical societies, the two set up a meeting with the Lishon society at the Stone House in Lisbon. Besides Mr. Paulson and Mrs. Guy, those attending were Miss Leila Beard, Mrs. Dick Fitzpatrick, Miss Nell Koch, Mrs. Virginia Felger, Mrs. Roy Guy, and Leo Holloway.

Shortly afterward, these people met in the Columbiana Library and established the Columbiana-Fairfield Township Historical Society, electing the following officers: Leila Beard, president; Leo Holloway, vice president; Jean Weaver (Mrs. Roy), secretary; and Edwin B. Dillon, treasurer.

The organization met on July 13 to draw up incorporation papers; and the following people were designated trustees: Miss Beard, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Dillon, Mrs. Weaver, Jane White, Willard Vaughn, Anna Grim, William Stewart, Roy Guy, Estella Esterly, Erwood Calvin, and William Knuth.

The first meeting of the newly incorporated society was held on August 24 with 34 people attending.

The purpose of the Society over the years has been, briefly, to preserve and display artifacts indigenous to

the Columbiana area and to create an awareness of local history in the people.

Toward this end, the Society in 1972 established a museum in the upstairs rooms of the Cricket Shop Building at 18 South Main Street. Previously, the Society's collection had been in storage either in Roy Guy's warehouse or in the homes of the members.

Plans now are, after the Bicentennial year, to take possession of the Log House on the square, using that as a museum and headquarters.

The Society has also shown an interest in preserving the old homes in the community, lending its name and many of its members to the Heritage Marker Committee, which has registered and marked some hundred homes in the village and the surrounding area.

Officers of the Columbiana-Fairfield Township Historical Society for 1976 are Jane White, president; Ray Spiker, vice president; Miriam Hutson, secretary; and Nora Salmen, treasurer.

## **Community Christian Women:**

In August 1971, letters were mailed to ten area churches inviting their members to attend a meeting to discuss the formation of a Community Christian Women's group through which women could share Jesus' love across denominational lines, hear His gospel, and enjoy warm fellowship through their oneness in the Lordship of Christ.

Eleven women responded, and nine were present for the first planning meeting. They decided on the following aims for the group: personal encounter with Christ, Christian growth, and interdenominational fellowship with outreach.

The first meeting was held October 18 at the Country Corner Restaurant with Mrs. Doris L. Neal of Hubbard as the speaker. "Total Commitment" was her challenge to the 116 women crowding the dining room. Because of the large attendance, subsequent meetings were held in the larger dining room at Heck's Restaurant.

It was decided to keep the organization informal, operating on faith for funds and speakers. Over the past four years meetings have been held nearly every month on Monday or Wednesday of the third week.

Laymen, ministers, evangelists, missionaries, authors and radio personalities from England, Guatemala and Korea as well as the tri-state area have come to share their Christian faith. Among them have been radio's Ella Mae Miller, authors Alberta Hawse ("Vinegar Boy") and Bill Bair ("An Open Door"), and evangelists Stan Scott and (from England) Dr. Eric Hutchings.

Each year one musical program is planned by Mrs. Leland (Sally) Bricker, with local artists blending their talents to honor our Lord in song. Over the four years representation has grown to include members of 21 area churches.

Every Monday at 3 p.m. there is a Bible Study Group meeting at the Parkview Drive home of Mrs. Jack (Lois) Weyman, who has served the organization as chairman from its beginning.

The organization welcomes all Christian women in the area.

## Columbiana Music Study Club:

The Columbiana Music Study Club was organized at a meeting at the home of Miss Margaret Stewart (later Mrs. Frank Gibson) on March 18, 1932. Mrs. Roy Weaver was chosen temporary chairman, and Mrs. Evan Roller was elected president. Other officers were Mrs. Frank Griffin, vice president; Mrs. Clarence Shontz, secretary; and Mrs. Charles Strickler, treasurer.

The program committee for the first year included Miss Stewart, Miss Martha Zimmerman, and Mrs. Dick Fitzpatrick.

Mrs. Dallas Hepburn, Mrs. Weaver, and Mrs. Elmer T. Coyle were appointed to write the constitution and by-laws, and it was submitted for approval at the May 25 meeting. Membership was to be limited to 25, dues were one dollar, and regular meetings were to be held on alternate Wednesdays from October to May.

Members signing the document were Mrs. R. J. Barrow, Mrs. C. E. Bender, Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Emma Kenreich, Mrs. Edgar Miller, Mrs. Solon Morris, Mrs. S. Richard Orr, Mrs. G. G. Patchen, Mrs. Paul Price, Mrs. Roller, Mrs. Shontz, Miss Stewart, Mrs. Strickler, Mrs. C. R. Todd, Mrs. F. W. Trader, Mrs. Weaver, and Miss Zimmerman. Within the first year, Mrs. Orr and Mrs. Trader had withdrawn from the club and Mrs. Virginia Felger, Mrs. Robert Esterly, Mrs. Nettie Fesler, Mrs. Don Zellers, Mrs. Ruth Lehman, and Mrs. Homer Culp had joined, and Miss Martha Kraus was on the waiting list.

The club held its first program on October 12 at the home of Mrs. Shontz. Seventeen members responded to roll call; Mrs. Fitzpatrick gave two musical readings and Mrs. Weaver and Miss Stewart sang two duets.

The Columbiana Music Study Club opened its first year in October 1932 with a membership of 20 and closed the year's work on May 24, 1933, with a membership of 25. The outstanding accomplishments included the completion of the study book, "The Fundamentals of Music" by Karl W. Gehrkens, the first guest night on February 8 with Sorosis Club (a continuing annual event), and a series of musical programs during National Music Week in May, another tradition of the club. Sixteen regular meetings were held with an average attendance of 18. Mrs. Roller, Mrs. Coyle, and Mrs. Morris had a perfect record of attendance.

At the May 24 meeting a motion to increase the membership to 30 was carried.

The subject of federation had been discussed as early as the second meeting, but it was not until the December 5, 1943, meeting that a motion was made and seconded that the club join the Ohio and National Federations of Music Clubs.

Because of war conditions the club began meeting monthly instead of semimonthly starting October 1942, on the second Wednesday. And to avoid conflict with PTO night the club changed its meeting night again at the beginning of the 1959 season, to the first Wednesday, on which it still meets.

Always before meeting in the homes of members, unless otherwise stated, the club in 1967 joined the newly-formed Columbiana Women's Club and held

its first meeting at the Women's Club home on April 5 of that year.

During World War II the Columbiana Music Study Club donated to a fund for phonographs for transports, the Red Cross, the War Service Fund, and veterans' hospitals. It continues to support music in the hospitals, and gives a concert annually at Woodside Hospital in Youngstown.

The club has always promoted good musical programs for the public, supporting concerts performed by members of the Youngstown Symphony, Dana Institute, Oberlin Men's Glee Club, the Cleveland Institute of Music, and the Carnegie-Mellon Brass Quintet. Two concerts by pianists Nicholas and Rosalie Constantinides were club-sponsored.

The club helped in the endowment of a seat in the National Cultural Center in Washington, D. C., and supported the Stillman-Kelly Scholarship of the National Federation.

Through the club's efforts, musical publications have been placed in the public library. The club has contributed to the support of the high school band, sponsored church choir festivals, cantatas, and community Christmas programs.

Five operettas have been presented—Smoky Mountain (a double ribbon award and an advance three-star award by the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs in 1962), Alice in Wonderland (a double ribbon award in 1964), Babes in Toyland (1966), The Fortune Teller (1968), and Rip Van Winkle (1970). An award of merit was also received for the Hootenany presented in 1965.

In 1971 the club received an award of merit for consecutive and meritorious service to the cause of music in Ohio. Certificates of appreciation have been received from Woodside Hospital and from the Kiwanis Club of Columbiana.

Summer music camp and festival scholarships have been presented to outstanding high school music students by the club. Currently the club presents scholarships to deserving students planning to major in music in college.

Columbiana Music Study Club officers for the 1975-76 year are Mrs. William McDorman, president; Mrs. Raymond Mackall, vice president; Mrs. Ray Souder, secretary; and Mrs. John Swope, treasurer.

## Columbiana Mothers Club:

On October 26, 1928, twenty Columbiana mothers met to form the Columbiana Circle of the national Child Conservation League. But in 1935 they dropped the national affiliation and became known as the Columbiana Mothers Club. Mrs. Dick Fitzpatrick is the only remaining charter member.

A membership of thirty-five attends the meetings each third Monday, September through May, at the Women's Club. Motherhood is the only prerequisite for membership. No more than thirty-five may be members, but there is a waiting list. Prospective members must be recommended by a member of the club.

Sponsorship of the after-prom party for Columbiana High School students has been the club's chief project for the past eighteen years.

Club members send invitations, decorate the Dixon

School gym where the party is held, plan entertainment, prepare food, and provide chaperones for the annual event. One way of financing the project is holding a public dance at the same place on the following evening. Financial backing also comes from other community clubs and other Mothers Club projects.

Columbiana Mothers Club officers for the 1975-76 year are Faye Detwiler, president; Gail Thomas, vice president; Joanne Prosnick, secretary; and Mary Oliver, treasurer.

### **Columbiana Garden Club:**

The Columbiana Garden Club, the community's first garden club, was organized on May 8, 1951, by Mrs. William J. Knotts and Mrs. H. F. Richmond. The first meeting was held at Mrs. Knotts' home on North Middle Street. Twenty-five women joined the organization that first year.

The wild columbine, common to the fields around Columbiana, was chosen as the club's flower. And because the columbine grows in many colors, the club's colors are the colors of the rainbow. The object of the club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening and the art of flower arranging, to cooperate in the protection of native trees and shrubs and to encourage civic planting.

Through dues from members and silent auctions at the November meetings, money is raised to finance the club's civic planting.

Since 1955, a tree has been planted each Arbor Day at one of the local schools. Flowering crab trees have been planted at the two entrances to the town. A bird feeder was installed at Dixon School in 1955. Tulips have been planted at the square and daffodils at the park.

The most recent club project has been the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers at the East Park Avenue entrance to Firestone Park, and the planting of flowers at the village square.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Seven charter members are still active; Mrs. William Arbuckle, Mrs. H. Lee Bookwalter, Mrs. T. A. King, Mrs. Knotts, Mrs. Jessie Koch, Mrs. Myrtle Todd, and Mrs. Allan White.

Officers for the 1975-76 club year are Mrs. John Karlis, president; Mrs. Clyde Harrold, vice president; Mrs. Clarence Koch, recording secretary; Mrs. Lee Bookwalter, treasurer; and Mrs. Samuel Ferguson, corresponding secretary.

The Columbiana Garden Club is affiliated with the Youngstown Garden Forum.

### **Columbiana Band Boosters:**

A Band Booster club was organized for the purpose of purchasing new band uniforms on September 30, 1970. The first officers were Mrs. Mary Hinerman and Robert Williams, co-presidents; Mrs. Lee Bertolette, secretary; and Mrs. Robert Vargo, treasurer.

At that time Mr. James DeGenova was the band director and he helped with the organization of the club.

Since that time the Boosters have worked with the band director in raising funds to purchase special

instruments used primarily in the concert band. They have also contributed to a special uniform fund and in the last two years have helped provide funds for counselors at a band camp held in August at Camp Fitch.

The present officers are: Paul A. Prosnick, president; Dorothy Symons, co-president; Hazel Dudash, secretary; Jo Ann Kale, treasurer; and Maxine Urschler, ways and means chairman.

### **Panora Lodge No. 410, Independent Order of Odd Fellows:**

Panora Lodge of the IOOF was instituted November 18, 1868, with 13 charter members. Two members were initiated the same night—John Beard and V. W. Hunkle. The lodge has met for the entire time at the present South Main Street location, except for a term in the Columbiana Ledger building on Union Street.

The first officers were A. Sturgeon, noble grand; J. L. Barclay, vice grand; A. C. Bell Jr., secretary; Dale S. Stouffer, financial secretary; and Jno. E. Allen, treasurer. The present officers are Vernon J. Haas, noble grand; Everett Winegard, vice grand; William Watters, secretary; Willard Vaughn, financial secretary; and Herbert Scott, treasurer.

### **Pandora Rebekah Lodge:**

A Rebekah lodge was instituted sometime in the late 1800's, probably at about the time of the organization of Panora Lodge or soon after. It was designated Laurel Lodge No. 305, but it disbanded in 1896.

Pandora Rebekah Lodge No. 743 was instituted on August 12, 1914, with 41 charter members—four of whom, Ada Wagner, Elizabeth Hammond, Lulu Kyser, and Clara Baker Buzard, are still living. The first officers were Cora Baker, noble grand; Elizabeth Hammond, vice grand; Ada Wagner, chaplain; Lottie Troll, financial secretary; and Della Stahl, treasurer. Present officers are Judith Brown, noble grand; Edna Granger, vice grand; Catherine Berchtold, financial secretary; Hazel Scott, treasurer; and Dorothy Haas, recording secretary.

Meeting place for the lodge has always been the IOOF Hall on South Main Street.

Rebekah Lodge also has an active Past Noble Grand Club that was organized in 1928. Peggy Burkey is president; Catherine Berchtold is vice president; Virginia Snyder is secretary and Hazel Scott is treasurer.

### **The Fortnightly Club:**

The Fortnightly Club was organized in November 1917 when a small group of ladies met at the home of Mrs. Grant Fuhrman. Those present were Mrs. J. P. Wonsetler, Mrs. T. Werner, Mrs. Will Gilbert, Mrs. Will Lauten, and Mrs. Ed Strohecker. At that time the club chose the name "The Needle Craft Fancy Work Club," but the name was changed to "The Fortnightly Club" in March 1919.

In time the membership was increased to 24 and meetings were held twice a month, with quilting as the main diversion. In April 1955 it was decided to meet just once a month.



Down through the years there have been several families with two-generation memberships, and one family with three generations represented.

In celebration of its 50th anniversary, the club held a dinner in the social room of the New Waterford Bank on August 9, 1967. Table appointments were carried out in yellow and white and a large white cake decorated with yellow rosebuds graced the center of the table. Two charter members were present— Mrs. Lena Strohecker and Mrs. Iva Anglemeyer. Each was presented a yellow rose corsage.

The club's aim has always been "To Help Others."

### **Columbiana Rose Society:**

Eight other Columbiana rose fanciers joined Roy and Florence Guy at their home on April 5, 1960, to organize a rose society in the community. They were Dr. and Mrs. Thomas King, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Irons, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Binsley.

Also present was a Mr. Ritter, an American Rose Society judge and rosarian from Akron who helped the organizers with the groundwork.

Dr. King was elected president; Mrs. Guy, vice president; Mrs. Orr, secretary; and Mr. Orr, treasurer. Dues were set at two dollars a member.

The club grew steadily, and in June of the first year the Columbiana Rose Society, in conjunction with the Mahoning Rose Society, held its first show in the Citizens Bank Building.

Rose shows have been held each year since then in conjunction with the annual Street Fair, always at the Citizens Bank until 1975 when the site was moved to the National Union Bank.

An annual event of the Society is the summer tour through members' gardens. Members are also proud of their 19 per cent attendance at a recent National Rose Convention at Nashville, Tennessee—the largest attendance, percentage-wise, from any club in the country other than the host club.

The club now has 30 members. President is Richard Noel, and serving with him are Sherwood Taylor, vice president; Evelyn Strausbaugh, secretary; and Marge Bethard, treasurer.

### **Columbiana Stamp Club:**

About 1951 Elmer Early and Roy Guy got together to talk about forming a stamp club. They decided to put a notice in the Columbiana Ledger announcing that a meeting would be held each second Tuesday in the Columbiana Library.

Later, the Columbiana club joined with the East Palestine club, and the combined group began meeting in East Palestine on the fourth Wednesday while continuing the Columbiana meeting on the second Tuesday.

Still later the combined group moved to a central meeting place, the New Waterford Bank, keeping the same meeting dates and using for show purposes the name of Colpex.

There are about 20 members in the combined group. President is Jim Fields of New Middletown; vice president is Ed Milliken of East Palestine; the secretary and treasurer, both from Columbiana, are Florence Guy and Frieda Berryman.

## **Columbiana Business and**

### **Professional Women's Club:**

Early in the fall of 1950 several women who happened to be at Virginia's Beauty Shop decided that Columbiana needed an organization for business and professional women. With a representative from the Salem B. P. W. Club, which became the sponsoring club, plans were made to launch a B. P. W. Club in Columbiana.

Letters were sent to local industries and businesses inviting women employees to meet at the village hall on a Sunday afternoon, when members of the Salem club and a district director explained B. P. W.'s objectives.

The charter was held open for a while, and when it was finally submitted to the parent organization it contained 74 signatures. It was presented to the club by state president Hester Wickens at a dinner meeting held March 4, 1951, at the American Legion Hall in Columbiana.

The first officers were Hazel Rearick, president; Margaret Barrow, first vice president; Lottie Troll, second vice president; Margaret Morrow, recording secretary; Vivian Reemer, corresponding secretary; and Helen Eckert, treasurer.

The organization's objectives are: to elevate the standards for women in business and the professions; to promote the interests of business and professional women; to bring about a spirit of cooperation among business and professional women in the United States; and to extend opportunities to business and professional women through industrial, scientific, and vocational education.

The local club's community activities have included heading the cancer drive for a number of years, registering people at the Street Fair X-Ray unit, sponsoring a Bluebird group, and giving an annual scholarship to a deserving graduating senior girl.

To finance its projects the club holds an annual card party, rummage sales, and candy and fruitcake sales.

Present membership in the Columbiana Business and Professional Women's Club is 34, with eight charter members still on the roll. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. each fourth Tuesday at the Legion Hall in Leetonia.

Present officers are Betty Lake, president; Evelyn Morelli, first vice president; Wanda Bowman, second vice president; Donna Johnson, recording secretary; Grace Ashbaugh, corresponding secretary; Kathryn Fuhrman, treasurer; and Katherine Hetherington, parliamentarian.

### **Sorosis Club:**

On October 16, 1911, a group of women met at the home of Miss Linda Snyder to organize a literary club.

They decided to call the organization Sorosis Club, and to meet once a week at the homes of members, alphabetically. Meetings were to begin at 7 p.m. and adjourn promptly at 9 p.m., and the membership was to be limited to 30 members. Dues were set at ten cents a meeting to defray the cost of program books.

Now, the club meets once a month at the

Columbiana Women's Club, beginning at 8 p.m. and adjourning not later than 10 p.m. Dues are now \$3.50 a year.

The programs over the years have covered many subjects. The first ones were devoted to the reading of Shakespeare's plays. There have been book reviews, research papers on parks, museums, restaurants, hobbies, and crafts. Most recently the subject has been government—the United States, state, and municipal.

Sorosis is not a fund-raising club, although it does contribute to charitable organizations.

The original officers were: Miss Linda Snyder, president; Mrs. Charles Smith, vice president; Mrs. S. S. Weaver, secretary; and Miss Stella Kuegle, treasurer.

Officers for the 1975-76 club year are Mrs. S. R. Walker, president; Mrs. Harry Lundgren, vice president; Mrs. Donald Longshore, secretary; and Mrs. Ray Hum, treasurer.

### **Columbiana Jaycees:**

The Columbiana Jaycees, a service club deeply involved in community action, had its start in February 1958 with a charter membership of 48.

Richard Lodge was elected president; Max Holzer, vice president; Allen Nolan, secretary; and Wilbur Beck, treasurer.

The Jaycee emphasis on youth has involved the club in many projects of benefit to the young people of the community. For several years the club sponsored a Teenage Road-e-o (a driving skills contest) and the local run-off for the Soapbox Derby. There have been bicycle safety efforts, junior tournaments in tennis, golf and bowling, Operation Ice Skate, and watermelon-eating contests. And the club created, and still maintains, the Kiddieland area at Firestone Park.

The Easter Egg Hunt held at the park is still an annual event of the club, as is the annual Christmas shopping tour for under-privileged children.

The Jaycees also contribute to the support of Little League Baseball and to the after-prom party sponsored by the Mothers Club.

The Jaycees concentrate not only on community service, but also on developing character and leadership abilities in their members, young men between the ages of 18 and 35.

Social highlights of the Jaycee year are the annual Swim and Barbecue Night, the annual installation banquet, and Bosses' Night.

Officers serving from April 1975 to April 1976 are Glenn Shaughnessy, president; Bob Angleson and Dan Unger, vice presidents; Charles Lee, secretary; Denny Meli, treasurer; Bob Belding and Paul Long, directors; and Mike Grant, state director.

### **Columbiana Tops Club 720:**

The first meeting of the Columbiana Tops Club was held November 8, 1967, at the home of Irene Hum on Woodland Avenue. Charter members were Mrs. Hum, Grace Merreot, Wilma Hum, Helen Kiehl, Marty Wolfe, and Doris Magill. They decided to call their group "Tops o' the Morning."

At the second meeting on the following Wednesday at Helen Kiehl's residence, these officers were elected: Irene Hum, leader; Grace Merreot, co-leader; Doris

Magill, secretary; and Wilma Hum, treasurer. Helen Kiehl was appointed club photographer and scrapbook keeper.

The aim of the club, like that of every other TOPS club, was "Take Off Pounds Sensibly."

By November 26 the club's name had been changed to Columbiana Morning Tops. On January 8, 1968, members began meeting at the Lutheran Church. By the 29th of January the membership had more than doubled, and in May the club boasted a total of 30 members.

The group now numbers 35, and they meet every Monday at 9 a.m. at the Methodist Church. This year's officers are: Louise Barnes, leader; Irene Hum, co-leader; Elizabeth Bartholow, secretary; Joyce Tellman, treasurer; Tessie Koehler, weight recorder; and Barbara Pollock, news reporter.

### **The South Side Club:**

The South Side Club, started in 1919 by a group of young women with young families, is by now a group of senior citizen ladies who still enjoy fellowship in the club. The name "South Side Club" was chosen because nearly all of the original members lived south of the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks.

Most of the original members had pre-school children, and they were a regular part of the meetings. Early records show as present at one meeting "15 members and 17 children," and at another "14 members and 16 children." Of course, lunch was served to all!

Members kept their hands busy at club doing family mending, sewing, knitting or other "fancywork." During the war years, they made comforts for the Red Cross, as well as knitting and rolling bandages for them.

Of course, while their hands worked, their tongues did too! A sample of topics receiving attention includes:

- a. What day is best to have Club? Who can come on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday?
- b. Colic in babies.
- c. Ways of killing lice and fungus (on plants, not people!).
- d. Anyone sick? How are they?
- e. Foot trouble and what to do about it.

Members liked to observe special seasons, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and, in earlier years, Halloween. And summer always meant picnics. Of late years, however, our enthusiasm turns toward visits to restaurants.

The primary purpose of the club now is fellowship with friends, which has really always been the purpose of its existence. Officers now are Alma Biddison, president, and Rita Peppel, secretary. Other members are Ethel Esterly, Bertha Bierman, Cora Yarian, Minnie Esenwein, Orvilla Fisher, Rhea Brubaker, Myrtle Posey, and Ada Brinker. Mary Bingham, on the active list for many years, is now an associate member.

— — Contributed by Ethel Esterly

### **Village Garden and Crafts Club:**

During the summer of 1957 Mrs. James Weber, in the belief that there was a need for another garden

club in the village, invited several women to her home on North Middle Street. Mrs. S. J. Henry of the Youngstown Garden Forum was also present to guide the group in organizing the new club. They decided that evening to hold regular meetings starting that September, and the club was later named Village Garden Club.

The names and faces of the members have changed throughout the years, but the 20-member roll, and the club's objective, to stimulate love and knowledge of gardening still exist.

Some of the club's projects have been planting flowering crab trees at Dixon School, planting flowers at the schools and the park, decorating the Library, decorating the park pavilion at Christmas, and donating gardening books to the library.

The club's most recent effort has been making and putting up Christmas decorations at the community Log House, and doing planting around the outside of the same building as the club Bicentennial project.

The club meets once a month at the homes of members. Until recently it had limited its area of interest to gardening only, but the name has been changed to Village Garden and Crafts Club, indicating the importance the members now attach to crafts.

Since the group's organization, the following women have served as president: Mrs. James Weber, Mrs. Mount Pursifull, Mrs. Jack Weyman, Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Jack Fullerton, Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. James Renfrew, Mrs. George Fisher, Mrs. Richard Souder, Mrs. Fred Koch, Mrs. Bruce Feicht, Mrs. Russell Stryffeler, Mrs. David Peppel, Mrs. Richard Winegord, Mrs. John Hoey, Mrs. Nicholas Hromiko, Mrs. Charles Bevington, and Mrs. Raymond Martin.

Mrs. Eugene (Pat) Benyo is president this year, and serving with her are Mrs. Eldon (Teresa) Bott, first vice president; Mrs. Terence (Carolyn) Cline, second vice president; Mrs. Ronald (Barbara) Hall, secretary; and Mrs. James (Bobbie) Romeo, treasurer.

### Readers Guild:

In 1939 at the suggestion of the Columbiana librarians, Mrs. Roy Weaver and Mrs. Philip Felger, a group of young women with mutual interests met at the home of Mrs. Alfred Beach to organize a book club. Charter members, besides Mrs. Beach, were Mrs. Lee Bookwalter, Mrs. Ralph Brungard, Mrs. Harold Campbell, Mrs. Eugene Crawford, Miss Dorothy Darrow, Mrs. Harry Gilmore, Mrs. Cecil Kyser, Miss Dorothy Martin, Mrs. Robert Maurer, Mrs. J. K. McDivitt, Mrs. Edward Miller, Mrs. R. G. Oakes, Mrs. Mount Pursifull, and Miss Elizabeth Starr.

The purpose of the club was to read good literature, to discuss fiction and non-fiction, poetry, plays and current events. The name ultimately decided on for the club was "Readers Guild," and members met in each others' homes until the Columbiana Women's Club was available in 1967. Meeting nights are the first and third Tuesdays, October through May.

There are 23 members on the present roll, including honorary member Mrs. Roy Weaver. Readers Guild president this year is Mrs. Ralph (Alice) O'Neil. Mrs. W. M. (Wynne) Ludolph is vice president; Mrs. Robert (Edith) Meighen is secretary; and Mrs. Charles (Mikki) Harper is treasurer.

### Philologists Club:

Philologists Club, known informally to its members as "Philology," was founded in 1952 by Mrs. Clyde (Sylvia) Richardson, Sr., who invited a small group of friends to her home to organize a word study group.

At that first meeting, besides Mrs. Richardson, were Mrs. Elmer (Ada) Coyle, Mrs. Philip (Virginia) Felger, Mrs. Frank (Margaret) Gibson, Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Gilchrist, Mrs. Raymond (Corinne) Mackall, Mrs. R. G. (Ethel) Oakes, and Mrs. Roy (Jean) Weaver. Mrs. Richardson was elected chairman, and Mrs. Oakes was named clerk.

The club is concerned with the study of words in all its ramifications—their origin, derivation, meanings, and proper use—and each roll call brings contributions of unusual words or phrases that members have come across in their month's reading. Members take turns presenting language-related programs—word games or puzzles of many types and degrees of difficulty, reviews of books or articles relating to the study of words, or tests by which they measure their understanding of words.

Philology meetings, always held at the Library until the Columbiana Women's Club became available, are each first Monday from October through June.

Of the charter members, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Mackall and Mrs. Weaver remain active. Other members are Mrs. Harold (Louise) Armstrong, Mrs. Lee (Mary) Bookwalter, Mrs. Lawrence (Sylvia) Bryant, Mrs. Donald (Marilyn) Durr, Mrs. Willard (Margaret) Ferrall, Mrs. Roy (Florence) Guy, Mrs. Arthur (Marge) Huk, Mrs. E. A. (Jean) Parsly, Mrs. Gordon (Georgette) Warner, and Mrs. James (Myra) Wright.

Mrs. Warner has served the club as president for several years, and Mrs. Durr is the present secretary.

### Columbiana Women's Club:

In January 1967, Attorney Robert Manchester, trustee of the estate of the late Mrs. Helen Buzard, invited representatives of local women's organizations to a meeting to discuss the possibilities of using Mrs. Buzard's home at 121 North Main Street for a meeting place, according to the provisions of her will.

That meeting resulted in the establishment of the Columbiana Women's Club, Inc., which this year has some 200 members affiliated with eight member clubs.

Membership requirements are simple. Affiliation is open to any Columbiana area woman or any Columbiana-based organization—even groups including men, with the requirement that women serve on the board of directors.

Member clubs at present are Philologists Club, Readers Guild, Music Study Club, Past Presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary, Welcome Wagon Club, Columbiana Mothers Club, Sorosis Club, and Green Thumb Garden Club.

Each club pays a \$10 registration fee each year, and each club member pays a \$2 membership fee, regardless of the number of clubs she belongs to. Individual memberships at \$25 a year are also available for women who want to take advantage of the organization's facilities but don't belong to any of the member clubs.

The three spacious downstairs rooms are used for meetings of the clubs and are rented to outside groups and, at a reduced rate, to club members for parties, meetings, receptions, and even dinners. Additional income comes from a "Next-to-New" shop in the basement, an annual bake sale, and the sale of dry cleaning booklets.

Each club appoints two members to the board of directors, the group that oversees the day-to-day operation of the house and takes responsibility for its maintenance.

Officers, and committee chairmen for 1976 are Mrs. Donald (Marilyn) Durr, president; Mrs. Larry (Judy) Stevens, vice president and house chairman; Mrs. Gilbert (Betty) Fennell, secretary; Mrs. Dwight (Janet) Tatman, treasurer; Mrs. Daniel (Joyce) Salchow, assistant secretary-treasurer; Next-to-New Shop, Mrs. Ralph (Margaret) Brungard; Ways and Means, Mrs. James (Myra) Wright; and Membership, Mrs. Ralph (Alice) O'Neil.

Life members of the organization and honorary board members are the first officers, Mrs. Allan (Jane) White, Mrs. Lee (Mary) Bookwalter, Mrs. Dale (Jean) Kampfer, and Mrs. Donald (Peggy) Oberholtzer.

Mrs. Oberholtzer, along with John Hutson and Willard Ferrall, comprise an advisory committee.

Housekeeper and caretaker for the club are Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Stratton, who live in the upstairs apartment; present manager of the Next-to-New Shop is Mrs. Edna Adair.

## Welcome Wagon Club:

The Welcome Wagon Club was organized in February 1956 to provide a social environment for women new to the community and to help its members begin involvement in community affairs.

Its first members were those who had been called upon when they first came to Columbiana by Mrs. Florence Campbell (now Mrs. George Nauth), who began the Welcome Wagon program here in 1955.

Mrs. Campbell, as hostess, served as a sort of "mother hen" to women newcomers in the community, calling upon them shortly after their arrival, inviting them to club meetings, and when they came making sure they were introduced to other newcomers.

Mrs. Doris Goist, from the very beginning of the club, served, and still serves, as an assistant hostess. Mrs. Janet Tatman joined the team as an assistant in 1964, taking over the hostess job when Mrs. Campbell retired in 1968. Working along with Mrs. Tatman and Mrs. Goist since 1973 has been Mrs. Lois Lawrence.

Welcome Wagon Club meetings are held each second Tuesday. Club motto is "There are no strangers, only friends we haven't met."

The many projects the club has been involved in since its beginning include providing typists, babysitters, and transportation for Red Cross Bloodmobile visits; conducting the March of Dimes; donating both money and time to the Robert Bycroft School for the Retarded and to needy families in the village; helping with the Muscular Dystrophy Rose Sale and the Christmas in the Park program.

Donations have gone to the local nursery school, to the after-prom party, to the schools for trees, shrubs

and film strips, for hospital equipment, and for books and magazines for the library.

Welcome Wagon Club officers for the 1975-76 year are Phyllis Tonnacliff, president; Janet Kaiser, vice president; Gayle Teeters, corresponding secretary; Sharon Frost, recording secretary; and Jan Rochette, treasurer.

## Benjamin Firestone Post 290, American Legion:

Benjamin Firestone Post No. 290, American Legion, first met on November 28, 1919, at the Village Hall to apply for a charter, but that charter remained open until permission could be received from Harvey S. Firestone to name the post after his father, Benjamin.

The 73 members whose names appeared on the charter received August 20, 1920 founded an organization which has grown to 294 active members today.

Community action began even before the group received its charter, with the march by members of the Post and the G. A. R. to the cemetery, and Memorial Day services in May of 1920.

The first clubrooms, in 1919, were over the Central Meat Market, but were abandoned in October of 1920 in favor of the purchase of the first post home near East Park Avenue and Elm Street. That home was sold in 1922, and the Post moved to the second floor of the present Ledger building, which served as its meeting place until the purchase in 1922 of the present home site, on North Pearl Street. Fire gutted the second floor of the home in October of 1972, but many hours of work by members resulted in remodeling of the structure.

It was in July of 1920 that the Post held a Street Dance and Festival in the Village, and just two months later the first Street Fair was held. The Fair is still an annual event in the Village. Harry Lundgren managed the fair until 1960, when the task was taken over by Richard Winegard.

The American Legion Band was organized in 1922 by Ray Fisher, and provided music for events for quite a while.

Post 290 has participated in civic affairs for many years, including Honors Day at the High School, Junior Baseball, and the Junior Rifle Team among others.

Increasing the membership to 400 is one of the Post's top ambitions, along with constructing a building suitable for storing hospital equipment on its own property, and building a separate dining room for private parties, receptions, and dances for both Post and public use.

Clarence Baker is commander of the post this year. Serving with him are Chris Lindelop, first vice commander; Mike Reidy, second vice commander; Harold Lower, finance officer; Al Hayes, adjutant; Jack Clunk, chaplain; Bill Keller, historian; Willard Zellers, sergeant-at-arms; Ed Holisky and Herb Souders, trustees.



## American Legion Auxiliary of Benjamin Firestone Post 290:

The Auxiliary to Benjamin Firestone Post 290 was organized in 1921 by Mrs. Harry Ferrall; but it was April of the following year when the first meeting was held, in an upstairs room in the Powers building on the Square.

First officers were Mrs. Jerome Benson, president; Mrs. Alfred Barrow, secretary; Miss Sarah Fuhrman, treasurer; and Mrs. Carl Henderson, chaplain.

Application for the charter was made on September 20, 1922. In July 1923 the unit had the charter printed and framed with these 21 charter members listed:

Mrs. Alfred Barrow, Mrs. Joseph Barkley, Mrs. John Barrow, Mrs. Jerome Benson, Mrs. Benton Calvin, Mrs. Harry Ferrall, Miss Sarah Fuhrman, Mrs. Susan Fuhrman, Mrs. C. M. Henderson, Mrs. Robert Lipe (Leah Hitchcock), Mrs. Leo Holloway.

Mrs. Joseph W. Jordan, Mrs. William L. Jordan, Miss Agnes Mellon, Mrs. Jeannie Mellon, Mrs. Walter Myers, Mrs. Walter Shinn, Mrs. Thomas Snyder, Mrs. Carl Werner, Mrs. Henry Werner, and Miss Lucinda Werner.

In April 1973 the Auxiliary held its fiftieth anniversary dinner in honor of the charter members, past presidents and members. Harry Ferrall presented a plaque listing the names of all presidents and their years of service, in honor of his late wife, who was second president of the unit. Mrs. Ferrall's past president's pin was presented to Mrs. Florence Hum, 1973 president.

Over the years the Auxiliary has been involved in many service projects, both within the Legion organization and in the Columbiana community.

Notable among the community projects are these:

—The maintenance, since 1943 of a supply of hospital equipment—now numbering some 300 pieces—which is loaned free to members of the community.

—The donation, since 1948, of a book each year to the Columbiana Public Library.

—The sponsorship, also since 1948, of senior girls from Columbiana and Crestview high schools at the annual Buckeye Girls' State.

—The presentation, in 1959, of 17 flags to the Columbiana schools.

—The annual presentation of a \$100 scholarship to a girl entering nurses' training.

Since the early years, members of the organization have joined in helping needy families, and during the war years they helped in Civil Defense and in making surgical bandages. Since 1942 donations have gone out to four veterans' hospitals.

This year the Auxiliary has a membership of 160. Mrs. Laura Gustafson is serving her third year as president. Serving with her are Mrs. Caroline Gilchrist, first vice president; Mrs. Ann Hayes, second vice president; Mrs. Cecil Souder, secretary; Mrs. Ella Mae McCoy, treasurer; and Mrs. Catherine Berchtold, chaplain.

## Columbiana Senior Citizens:

The Columbiana Senior Citizens group was

organized in 1960 as "The Twilighters" by Cora Henry and Luther Donbar. Mrs. Henry was the first president, with Erma Wilson as vice president and Anna Melnert as secretary-treasurer. Meetings were held at Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

In 1962 the age limit for members of the group was lowered to 60, and the name was changed.

In the intervening years, the meeting place has been moved from the church to Pavilion 4 at Firestone Park, to the Kimberly Recreation Center, and back to Jerusalem Church where meetings are now held. Membership is around 200 at the present time, with an average attendance at each meeting of 60 to 80.

The group has two meetings a month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays. The first meeting is a business meeting with a program. And there's always a birthday table, at which are seated the members having birthdays that particular month. Cakes are provided by a committee.

The second meeting of the month is a drop-in meeting. That's when the members find time for card-playing, craft projects, and making cancer pads—something like 8800 have been turned out so far.

The Senior Citizens are an active group.

Bus tours are frequently scheduled, and the group has been several times each to the Cleveland and Pittsburgh flower shows. They go to plays, ice shows, and other places of interest within one day's reach. Once they went to Niagara Falls, a two-day trip, and a trip to Washington, D. C., at cherry-blossom time is scheduled for this year.

They have an enthusiastic chorus. They practice regularly, and on several occasions each year join with other senior citizens' vocal groups in performances.

They make gifts for residents of the county home; and their craft projects are sold at the Canfield Fair and the Columbiana Street Fair and the proceeds used to pay the cost of the annual Christmas party.

Officers this year are Virginia Scott, president; Frances Taylor, first vice president; Carrye Felger, second vice president; Grace Shively, secretary; Penrose Schaeffer, treasurer; Lester Harrold, assistant treasurer; Bertha Grossen, corresponding secretary; Rita Peppel, assistant corresponding secretary; and Roxie Moser, chaplain.

## Fairfield Ruritan Club:

The Fairfield Ruritan Club, founded, along with the Hanoverton and Lisbon clubs, in September 1952, shares with these clubs the distinction of being the first Ruritan Clubs in Ohio.

The organization was brought into Columbiana County by the rural-urban committee of the Columbiana County Agricultural Council as a method of creating better rural-urban understanding. Floyd Lower, who was county agricultural agent at the time and later served as president of Ruritan National, was one of those responsible.

Ruritan, founded in 1928 in the Tidewater area of Virginia, has spread from that area to the midwest and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, becoming the largest rural civic organization in the United States with more than 1500 clubs in 30 states.

Its chief aim is to create better understanding

among people, communities, and business; to aid in charitable work; to promote industrial and agricultural growth and to encourage education. It strives to work with those agencies that serve the community and contribute directly to its progress, and to create understanding between farm and non-farm people on the problems of each, and on mutual problems.

When the Fairfield Club received its charter on October 22, 1952, there were 39 charter members. Of those, Ernest Cope, Herbert Heck, Charles Harper, Eber Martin, Harry Miller, Frank Morris, Phil Stratford, Paul Wise, Floyd Williamson, Art Wisler, and Paul Witmer are still active.

Today's membership is 72, making the club one of the largest service organizations in the community.

Dinner meetings are held once a month on the third or fourth Thursday evening. The board of directors meets the second Thursday evening.

Service efforts over the years have included helping disabled farmers to harvest crops, cooperating with Kiwanis and Rotary in taking charge of the Columbiana-Fairfield Township Community Chest, aiding in raising funds for kidney and cancer patients and accident victims, helping in purchasing equipment for the Columbiana Fire Department and the New Waterford emergency vehicle, assisting with projects at Robert Bycroft School and the Rogers Honor Farm, and helping with projects at Firestone Park.

William A. Morris, the club's first president, went on to become Ohio District Governor in 1954. Phil Stratford, another charter member, was the 1973 district governor.

This year's officers are Al Wickline, president; George Cyrus, vice president; Wayne Morris, secretary; and Wilson Lower, treasurer.

## Camp Fire Girls in Columbiana:

The Camp Fire Girls program was introduced in Columbiana in the fall of 1963 when several lone groups were organized and registered with Camp Fire Girls, Inc., the nation's oldest organization committed to providing young people with a life-enriching out-of-school experience.

The decision to change Columbiana's youth program for girls from Girl Scouts to Camp Fire Girls was made by adult volunteers and other key people in the community when the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. announced its intention to include the Columbiana troops in a newly-consolidated four-county council through forced merger with headquarters in Niles.

Girl Scouts had been in Columbiana since 1932, when the first troop was organized. By 1963 when the merger decision was made at national headquarters, there were three Brownie troops, five intermediate troops and two senior troops in the village.

Nevertheless, the adult volunteers felt the merger would be a detriment to the program here, and rather than consent, they dropped the Girl Scout affiliation and joined Camp Fire Girls.

By 1966, the Columbiana Camp Fire units registered as lone groups had completed the requirements for incorporating and were chartered as the Firestone Association of Camp Fire Girls, Inc. Listed as trustees and members of the Camp Fire Executive Board at the

time of chartering were Mrs. Donald (Barbara) Firestone, chairman; Mrs. Charles (Evelyn) Porter, secretary; Vivian J. Logan and Lydia Knisely.

Camp Fire continued under the Firestone Association through 1971. That summer, merger plans were again discussed, and by early 1972 the Firestone Association was dissolved and this area became a part of the Tayanita Council of Camp Fire Girls with headquarters in Salem. The Columbiana groups retained their identity by becoming the Firestone Neighborhood of the Tayanita Council.

Most of the programming remains local, but the local groups receive professional office staff assistance, leadership and camp training, and opportunities to take part in camping programs at the council-owned Camp Tayanita south of Lisbon.

About 150 to 200 girls aged 7 through 17 are served each year in Columbiana's Camp Fire program—Blue Birds (7-8 years), Camp Fire Adventure (9-12 years), Discovery Club (13-14 years) and Horizon Club (15-18 years).

Adults now serving as volunteers are: Mrs. John Sevenich, Mrs. Wesley Pollock, Mrs. Donald Hepp and Mrs. Melvin Nulf, group 302; Mrs. William Cole and Mrs. Roy Hawkins, group 303; Mrs. Andrew Kidd, Mrs. Leonard Bennett, Mrs. William Dattilio and Mrs. Charles McNeal, group 304; Mrs. Thomas Burns, Mrs. Elmon Smith, Mrs. Herman Guy, Mrs. Steve Hill, and Mrs. Lee Stubler, group 305; Mrs. Willis Smith, Mrs. Richard Kyser, Mrs. Richard Phillips and Mrs. Sherwood Taylor, group 306; Mrs. Walter Burt and Mrs. Alfred Morelli, group 308; Mrs. Donald Richardson, Mrs. James Gano, and Mrs. William Kimpel, group 317; Mrs. Norman Bauman Jr. and Mrs. Jean Wilson, group 325.

Mrs. Burt and William Fahndrick are Firestone Neighborhood representatives on the council board of directors, and Mr. Fahndrick also serves on the camping committee. Local Camp Fire activities are coordinated by the neighborhood service team which includes Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Sevenich, Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. Joseph Costanzo, and Mrs. Bennett.

Camp Fire is caring, sharing, learning by doing; developing skills in creative arts, sports, homemaking, nature, outdoor living and citizenship.

Each year the girls make decorations and trim and care for trees at Firestone Park; they participate in community events and provide services to needy families. Older girls learn to share responsibility by working with the younger groups and serving as aides at summer camping programs.

## Kiwanis Club:

Twenty-five business and professional men, with the guidance of a Kiwanis International field organizer and under the sponsorship of the Leetonia Kiwanis Club, started the Columbiana Kiwanis Club in 1932.

The first meeting was held on February 14 at Roller's Restaurant. The new club received its charter six weeks later at the March 28 meeting at the Methodist Church, with 35 members in attendance.

Three of the charter members—Dr. C. W. Dewalt, Everett Warrick, and William Longshore—are still members of the club.

The first officers of Kiwanis were Ray J. Miller,

president; Dan J. Miller, vice president; Mark Klingensmith, secretary; Robert Watkins, treasurer; and O. B. Moore, district trustee. Directors were E. P. Funkhouser, Dr. L. H. Nelson, William B. Miller, Ray C. Miller, Dr. Dewalt, Ray Fisher, and Tracy Tidd.

Over the 44-year period, Columbiana Kiwanis has seen six of its members serve as Lieutenant Governors of the Ohio 19th Division; Ray J. Miller, Dr. Dewalt, Russell J. Barrow, Lee Myers, Stanley Yeager, and Joseph Fittante who is serving at the present time. Dr. Dewalt also served as District Trustee.

The club supports various community and youth activities, depending, from year to year, on the program of Kiwanis International.

For several years it has been sponsor to the Crestview Key Club, a chapter of a nationwide Kiwanis organization for high school boys. Another project of long standing is the annual Street Fair Art Show.

Annual fund-raising projects are the Wally Taber wildlife movie, a Street Fair Candy Sale, and a spaghetti dinner.

Present officers are Richard Beck, president; George Nauth, first vice president; Robert Meighen, second vice president; and John Coy, secretary-treasurer.

Directors are Harold Coalmer, Dr. Russell Stryffeler, Jack Kuhlman, Tracy Powell, George Huk, Dr. Dewalt, Warrick, Yeager, and Fittante.

John Kummer is immediate past president.

## Rotary Club:

Rotary Club came about in Columbiana through the efforts of Homer Lehman, who had been a Rotarian in another community before returning to his home town to set up a hardware business.

Lehman interested a few community leaders in organizing a club, and they got together a few times in November 1922 to do some groundwork. But it was January 10, 1923, when they held their first meeting, a dinner at the Park House Hotel. Lehman was temporary chairman.

At the second meeting they elected Hurd Tuttle president. To serve with him they named Lehman as vice president; Orris Hoffman, secretary; Guy Patchen, treasurer; John G. Houlette, Sergeant at Arms; and L. B. Vaughn and E. J. Wiest, directors.

On April 5 the club was chartered with 14 members—the men listed above and Homer H. Detwiler, Homer W. Hammond, Isaiah Mowen, Wick Fry, Henry Staley, William Dickinson, and H. R. Riddle.

During the 53 years since the club's beginning, Rotary has supported a number of projects.

Early Rotarians were responsible for getting the "white way" lighting system on Main Street.

In 1948 the club initiated both the Theodore Detwiler Award for the outstanding Boy Scout and the James Fitzpatrick Award for the outstanding 4-H member, in honor of Rotarians' sons who were killed in World War II. In 1954 the club added an award for the outstanding Girl Scout, now given to a Camp Fire Girl.

The club brought about the high school driver education program, held a vocational guidance-career program which benefitted about 550 students in the mid-50's, financed sanitary facilities at Firestone Park,

initiated a Columbiana Scholarship Association, backed the establishment of the Historical Society, built adirondack cabins at McKinley Scout Reservation, and sent high school students to annual World Affairs Institutes.

For many years members have annually hosted county foster children at a picnic at Firestone Park, and since the mid-60's the club has enthusiastically supported the Rotary Exchange Student program, either sending a student abroad or hosting one here in town.

The project of longest standing has been the support of work with crippled children. For many years the club handled the local March of Dimes and was responsible for Easter Seal sales in the community. This year members initiated a continuing program to provide practical and financial aid to the newly-established county classes for orthopedically handicapped children, for which the club has allocated \$4,000 to date.

Fund-raising projects in recent years have included the Rotary Auctions at Ferguson's Farm, the annual Pancake Suppers, and the Street Fair Book Sale.

The Columbiana club has two District 665 governors to its credit—Hiram "Hi" McGrath in the year 1950-51, and John Hutson, who was elected last year to serve in the 1977-78 club year.

Officers for the 1976-77 club year are John Karlis, president; Richard Newell, vice president; Harvey Symons, secretary; and John Fitzpatrick, treasurer. Directors are Joe Wojtecki, Phil Swope, Ray Mackall, Jack Sitler, and Eugene Crawford.

## Hattie Bishop Circle, G.A.R.:

In February 1911, under the sponsorship of the Comrades of the local chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic, Hattie Bishop Circle No. 72, G.A.R., was organized for women in the community who were descendents of men who had served in the Civil War.

Sisters from the Youngstown organization presided the evening of the 14th in the Knights of Pythias Hall; 77 Sisters were obligated and 16 Comrades received the secret work of the order.

The circle was named for the wife of Comrade Isadore Bishop, who did most of the preparatory work for the organization and paid for the charter.

The first officers were Emma Schindler, president; Leora Koch, senior vice president; Mary Hannum, junior vice president; Sarah Semple, chaplain; Hazel Keller, secretary; Cora Staley, treasurer; Mary Buzard, patriotic instructor; Mayme Chesnut, conductress; Mary Basler, assistant conductress; Mary Oberholtzer, guard; and Maud Strickler, assistant guard.

In the early years, the Circle met in Smith Hall, on the site of the present Isaly building. For a few years they met in the Citizens Bank building before locating in the rooms above The Ledger in 1926.

The Sisters and the Comrade honorary members were active in Memorial Day activities, attending services and marching in parades, and decorating the graves of G.A.R. and Circle members at many area cemeteries.

In the 1930's, some of the Sisters collected funds from friends of the G.A.R. to purchase a monument,

which stands now near the center entrance of Columbiana Cemetery on a plat designated years ago as a burial ground for Civil War soldiers.

With the death of Mayme Cbesnut early this year, Elizabeth Hammond is the only remaining charter member. Other members of the organization, which hasn't had a regular meeting in many years, are Dorothy Haas, who serves as secretary-treasurer, Nancy Haas of Youngstown, Alberta Foertch of North Lima, and Ethelyn Gednetz of Sebring.

### Green Thum Garden Club:

On the afternoon of June 25, 1952, thirteen Columbiana women met at the home of Mrs. Curtis Bierly to organize a garden club. The object of the club was to be real dirt gardening—the growth and care of flowers, plants, shrubs and trees—as well as flower arranging and the beautification of the town as a civic project.

Those first members of Green Thum Garden Club were Mrs. James Barrow, Mrs. Sam Belief, Mrs. Bierly, Mrs. Elmer Coyle, Mrs. Dick Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Frank Gibson, Mrs. Wayne Hoover, Mrs. R. G. Oakes, Mrs. Clyde Richardson, Mrs. Evan Roller, Mrs. Clarence Shontz, Mrs. Thomas Watt, and Mrs. Joseph Woodward.

With Mrs. W. F. Church and Mrs. E. T. Phillips of Youngstown present to guide them in the organization procedure, they voted to meet the last Thursday afternoon of each month, to join the Youngstown Garden Forum, and to seat the following officers: Mrs. Watt, president; Mrs. Shontz, vice president; Mrs. Bierly, secretary, and Mrs. Belief, treasurer.

Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Woodward, and Mrs. Coyle were appointed to draw up a constitution which set dues at \$2 a year and membership at 16 with a waiting list. Later, dues were raised to \$4 and the membership limit raised to 20.

The beautification of Firestone Park has been the club's chief project over the years. Members planted shrubs, pachysandra and ivy in the area in front of Pavilion 4, and later provided flower boxes for the pavilion and kept them filled and maintained. Trees and shrubs have also been planted in other park areas.

Officers of the Green Thum Garden Club for the 1975-76 club year are Mrs. Merle (Grace) Carson, president; Mrs. Ralph (Margaret) Brungard, vice president; Mrs. Kenneth (Suzanne) Crowl, secretary; and Mrs. Thomas (Jerri) King, treasurer.



Home of J. B. Fitzpatrick on Union Street. Dick and Ray Fitzpatrick are in the cart. J. B. Fitzpatrick is on the walk, and Mary Fitzpatrick is at the front of the porch. Mrs. Jim Fetzer (Sade, a sister of Mary), is also on the porch.





Inside W. R. Knowles Harness Shop: John Zimmer on right.



Thoman's Concert Band: Front row, Keller, Clarence Wining, Arthur Lewis, H. Shaffer, Ben Mather; in front, Tom Cope. Second row, Lower, Mather, E. McCurry, Arthur Lehnig. Third row, Fred Thoman, T. Renkenberger, Fred (Biddy) Lindsay, Howard Martin, H. Breckenridge, McBride, Charlie Keller, Fred (Hook) Kyser. Drum major, Bobby Kyser.



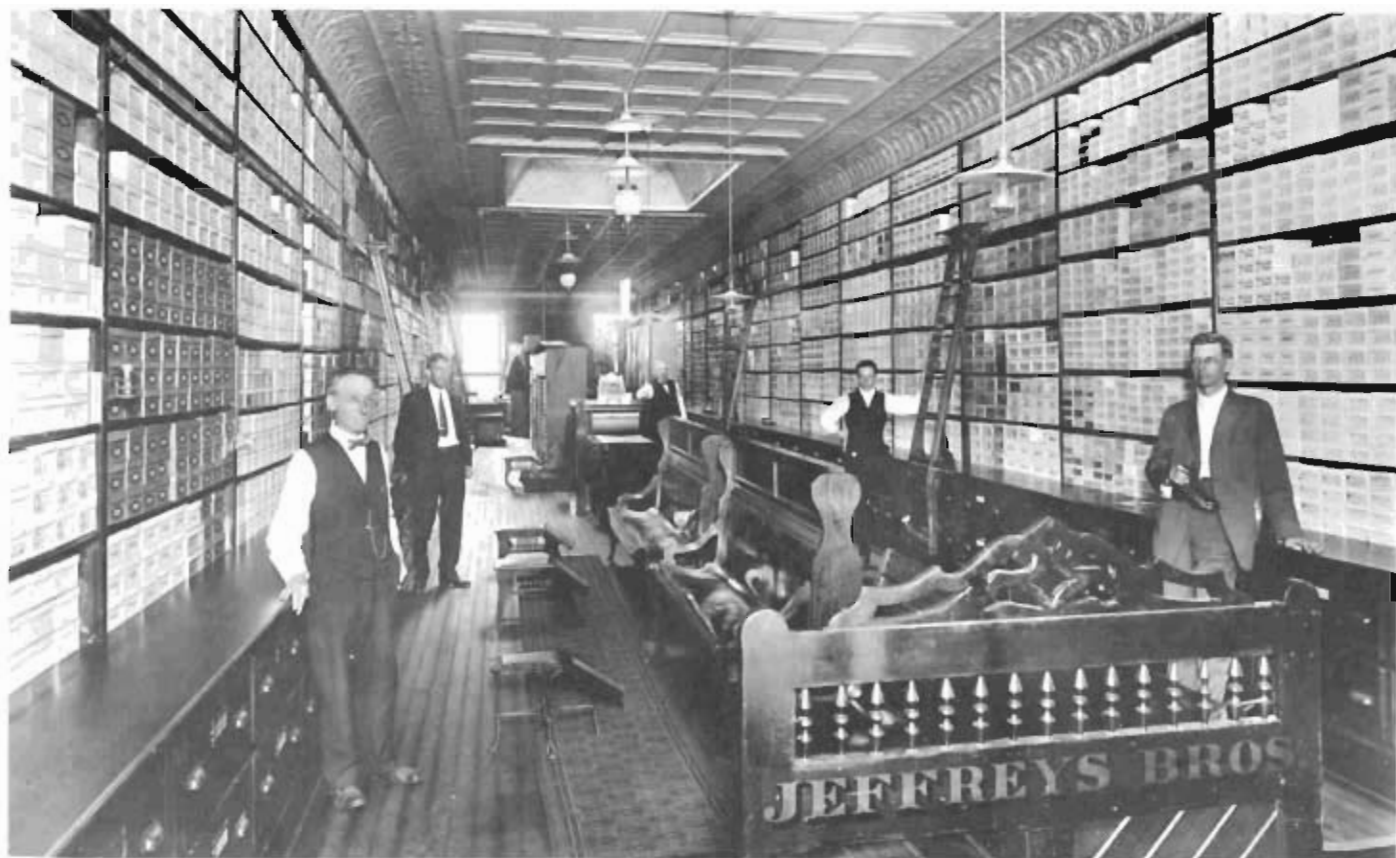
Baker Blacksmith Shop: Jake Harrold, W. H. Baker.



The Oberholtzer home on the northeast corner of North Main and Prospect Streets. At the rear can be seen the remains of the Zimmer and Harmon buggy shop.



The J. J. Fetzer Carriage Shop: Henry Staloy is third from left.



Inside Jeffrey Shoe Store: Left, J. R. Jeffrey, Irwin Smith. Right, Peg Owens, cobbler Raymond Jeffrey, Henry Staley.



Inside Coblentz Barber Shop: Emmett Coblentz at first chair.

Here are ten Columbiana poems by Evan Lodge, printed here with the permission of the author.

The first six are from the "Village Sequence" from his book *A Garland for Ohio*, published by Partridge Press in Hudson, Ohio.

The others are later "Village" poems which appeared in the March/ April 1976 issue of *Western Reserve Magazine*.



## Home Town: Columbiana

When the century swung past, the village knew  
It must, after five years dragged their course,  
Leave off buggy making. Just a few  
Men dared to stay in business; with the horse  
Pushed off the road men had to rearrange  
Their trade. Being too small, too proud for cheap  
Production, they tried to work some bigger change.  
A few of the town's best builders tried to keep  
Their workers busy, turning out still finer  
Models for competition—but a mode  
Of travel had gone by. One day at dinner  
George Detzer said he guessed he'd take the road:  
Tied up his last six buggies, waved to his men,  
Clucked to his horse, and never was seen again.



## George Endicott

The village has its dreamers, young and old,  
Yet seldom wonders what their dreams may be.  
The facts of commonplace and gossip hold  
Material enough for scrutiny.  
George dreamed all his life of the haloed past,  
Resenting evidences of the age:  
He kept the old chain pump, for he liked the taste  
Of the well. The village never guessed the cage  
That he was caught in when he came back home  
After thirty-years, hunting the old  
Shallow pools and nut trees — seeking some  
Links to a childhood linked to an age of gold.  
"I always wanted" we two once swam in the sea —  
"To get out where I couldn't touch!" he called to me.



## Bert Stone

The automobile did a lot of things  
To people in our town. But time went by  
And folks forgot the mute abandonings  
Of heart-break purchases. We boys would try  
To boost each other up to cob-webbed glass,  
Would strain our eyes staring at the lines  
Of relics sheathed in dust — the lamps and brass,  
Great high seats and old bulb horns, brave signs  
Of elegance but hardly touched except  
By time. Behind the nailed-shut doors there stood  
These rusted monuments to pride: unwept,  
Unmentioned, too, not always understood.  
Bert Stone let his stand where it stopped and plowed  
Around it each year, sober and beetle-browed.

## Luke Morgan

Luke Morgan was a man who couldn't be  
Accused of either recklessness or want  
Of courage. Scared to drive, he couldn't see  
Letting his car rust away; he'd grant  
No barn space, either, if the car still acted  
As this one had on its first break-in drive.  
He thought of the money — added and subtracted —  
Then walked to the barn, his mind made up, and five  
Minutes later was grimly urging his car along  
The road to town at seven miles per hour.  
We saw him coming, driving with his strong  
Hands knuckle-white, his face as white as flour.  
He bought a Buick every seventh year,  
Drove each five thousand miles in second gear.



## Harvey S.

We had one Midas, only one. The man  
Had garnered millions making auto tires,  
And through some quirk of fate or fortune's plan  
He rode the crest while buggy-making squires  
Capsized, went broke, or took up other trade.  
Our Harvey hobnobbed with the very great:  
Ford, Burroughs, Edison — all came and stayed  
For days of picnicking in rustic state.  
We villagers all shook the rich man's hand  
And gawked and talked of changes in the town:  
Electric lights, paved streets, the village band,  
The four-room red brick school long since torn down...  
The town remembers his benevolence —  
Remembers, too, his half-mile eight-foot fence.



## The Auto

One thing the auto did, it broke the chains  
That held us to the village. We could rove  
To Myers Lake or nearer Willow Grove,  
Yes, far-off Turkeyfoot; and there we swains  
Would rent canoes and phonographs and weave  
Our versions of the latest screen romance —  
Or drive up to Idora Park to dance.  
The strains of Margie, Ja-Da, Hindustan,  
Valencia or Bye, Bye, Blues still ran  
Through foggy heads next day at work. That's when  
We knew for sure the auto'd changed our lives:  
It burst old bonds, brought some of us new ones,  
wives.

Author's Note: "George Endicott is George Overholt, who retired after many years as real estate editor of one of the major Pittsburgh papers. He had never been more than about a hundred miles away from home, but one summer when I was collecting biological specimens in Biloxi, Mississippi, he traveled down with me, paying for the gas and oil. This was about 1937 or '38 when I was driving a 1926 Buick. And we DID go swimming in the Gulf and he DID say what is reported. Bert Stone and Luke Morgan are simply names I invented for stories I had heard: I assumed them to be true. The same goes for George Detzer in the first poem of the series."

## Emma Kenreich

(No Idle Roomer She)

The metronome that sat atop  
Our A.B. Chase was not stage prop:  
To make a living Emma taught  
Piano, banjo, clarinet,  
Cornet, trombone, violin.  
They made a strictly metered din  
With Emma always saying, "Fine!  
More spirit now — and make it shine!"

Her spirit shone in many ways  
Through Indian club and bloomer days.  
She almost sprang a gusset when  
Driving Main Street at just ten  
In her bright red Buick she  
Was tagged up for a five-buck fee.  
To make it worse, the marshal rode  
A battered bike. End episode.



## Les Usher

What does a decent grocer do when folks  
Can't pay their bills for months or even years?  
The food comes in, it must go out. The joke's  
A bitter one, washed down with grocers' tears.  
Les Usher couldn't stand to see his friends,  
Old customers, or others in the town  
Go short of food — and so he stretched the ends  
Of credit that he had, and he went down.  
It was no major wonder at the bank:  
He'd had no real experience before.  
Some families that lived had Les to thank,  
But he'd gone bankrupt and he died heartsore,  
And some said hungry too. But you know how  
Folks talk, admit, or hedge, or disavow.



## Jay Schiller

At eighty-eight Jay Schiller reminisced  
About old jobs or cars or fishing friends,  
And round all tales there was a rosy mist  
Of happy recollection: all were blends,  
You see, of absolute with mythic truth —  
The time that once a motor had dropped out  
Going downhill, and he and Charlie Booth  
Picked up a basket of parts for just about  
A quarter-mile, then hired a farmer and horse  
To tow the high-wheeled Pope back to town.  
The only thing that caused him much remorse  
Was a dream cut short: he'd tell with deepening frown  
How his father'd burned his glove and baseball bat —  
He never would forget, forgive him that.



## Carl Benson

The livery stable keeper was the first  
To have to make a sometimes desperate change  
When Model T's forced horses out. The worst  
Carl Benson faced was not the way the strange  
Vehicle would not stop when he yelled "Whoa!"  
(He'd shifted into high, broke through the barn)  
But jokers gathered close to see the show.  
They'd had him grease his brakes, then wrapped some  
yarn

Around the pedal shafts to make them stick.  
Later, they convinced him he'd been duped:  
He should have got an extra wheelbase! Quick  
They sent him to the dealer — followed, whooped —  
Stayed out of sight when he got drunk. Of course  
He'd beat the car, as once he'd beat his horse.



Author's Note: "Emma Kenreich, real name, real person, roomed with us on South Elm Street for some years in the more northerly brick home across from the school. She was a sister-in-law of the famous water-color artist, Charles Burchfield. Les Usher is Oscar Leshner, known simply as "Os."

"Jay Schiller is my uncle, Ray J. Miller. I could not bring myself to say, in the poem, that he was never really happy unless he had something to complain about. The rest is true. He'd wanted his chance to play in the P.-O. League but had been squelched by his practical father. Carl Benson is Cal Bowman, whose place of business on an alley off Elm Street was only a few hundred feet from the back of my own parents' lot."

Evan Lodge, Columbiana High School Class of '23, has devoted his life to the teaching of English and the writing of poetry. Here, in his own words, is a brief biographical sketch:

"I was born in 1905, the oldest of three children of Fred D. and Emma Lodge. I clerked and did other chore work in my father's dry goods store, worked two summers at the old Columbia Tire and Rubber Company and a total of two years—in three periods of employment at the National Rubber Machinery Company.

"In school I distinguished myself by having to stand in a corner on my first day in Hala Rymer's first grade class. Later I played cornet in the Boy's Band and the town band, led by harness maker Fred Thoman, pumped the organ and later sang in the Methodist Church choir, and took part in a number of high school and local talent drama productions. In one of these I played Aunt Lucia in a musical version of that name, borrowing a silk dress from my old sixth grade teacher, Molly Buzard, who had been my father's sixth grade teacher.

"After finishing at Mount Union College in 1930 (later an M.A. at Western Reserve) I taught English at five different Cleveland schools for 16 years, eight of them as department chairman, and then for 17 years was supervisor and directing supervisor of secondary English, working alongside Allen Y. King, directing supervisor of social studies and a former teacher and principal and friend at Columbiana High School. During this period I contributed about 200 poems to the CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, wrote a number of articles, and served as co-editor of three editions of ADVENTURES IN READING.

"In 1963 I moved to Kent State University as an associate professor of English, chiefly teaching English methods along with an assortment of other courses including traditional grammar, poetry, drama, adolescent literature and creative writing. I retired as a full professor at the end of August, 1975, after 45 years in the field of English."

Mr. Lodge now lives in Hudson, Ohio.



## Retire? Not Dr. Bookwalter

(From The Vindicator, Sunday, August 14, 1955)

General Douglas MacArthur's famed words, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away," certainly doesn't apply to Dr. Harry H. Bookwalter, Columbiana's first citizen and community leader for many years.

Dr. Bookwalter, who has been making his rounds of the sick for 55 years, doesn't plan to "fade away" for quite a while.

The 83-year-old physician and surgeon says he is never going to retire because "what happens to most red-blooded Americans after they retire is that they're placed six feet under."

Now recovering at his Firestone Avenue home from surgery in Salem City Hospital, Dr. Bookwalter plans to resume practice with his son, Dr. Lee Bookwalter, in a few weeks.

While his illness prevented him from taking an active part in Columbiana's recent sesquicentennial celebration, those in charge of the event consulted him at various times. He is credited with many suggestions that helped to make the sesqui a success.

An engraved bronze plaque, presented to Dr. Bookwalter last spring by the Chamber of Commerce in appreciation of a "Lifetime of Service" to Columbiana, was prominently displayed in Wells's Drug Store during the week's observance.

At the presentation ceremony, William Longshore, a prominent businessman, said that Dr. Bookwalter was selected by the C. of C. to receive the award because of his imposing record of community service and leadership, including a single term as mayor of Columbiana for the express purpose of putting in a new sanitary sewer system. When the system was assured, Dr. Bookwalter "retired" from politics.

Longshore said the physician was one of those mainly responsible for the establishment of Firestone Park, one of the most beautiful municipally-owned recreation areas in Ohio.

Dr. Bookwalter was born in Dalton, Ohio, on February 9, 1872, a son of Henry and Barbara Bookwalter. When he was 14 years old his parents moved to Lordstown, south of Warren.

After graduating from Lordstown High School he attended Mount Union College in Alliance for two years and then enrolled at the Western Reserve Medical School in Cleveland, which was then the medical department of Ohio Wesleyan University. The school is now affiliated with Western Reserve University.

Following graduation on May 2, 1900, Dr. Bookwalter married the former Bessie Brownlee of Coitsville. The couple had a brief honeymoon and then on July 1, 1900, he started practice in Columbiana. For many years he was the only physician in Columbiana.

Dr. Bookwalter served as family doctor for thousands of persons over the years, not only in Columbiana but in the surrounding rural areas as well. Although he never kept track of the exact number, Dr. Bookwalter believes he has delivered about 5,000 babies, including 11 in one family.

"Some of the babies still aren't paid for," he

laughed. "Their folks couldn't afford it and I knew it. So we just called it square."

Dr. Bookwalter decided to be the Republican candidate for mayor of Columbiana at the 1909 election "because the Democratic officials in power at that time wouldn't take action to get us a sewer system." He was elected by a slim 18-vote margin to become the community's first Republican mayor in years.

Soon after he took office, he presented the sewer plan to Village Council but it was rejected. The solons, however, adopted the plan several months later after the mayor-doctor applied what he terms "a little persuasion" to Council members.

Dr. Bookwalter refused to run for re-election despite pleas from many friends.

Dr. Bookwalter has been a member of the medical staff of Salem City Hospital since it was opened in 1913 and served two terms as chief of the staff. He also was a member and chairman of the Columbiana County Board of Health for many years.

He holds memberships in the Columbiana County, Ohio State, and American medical societies, the Salem Elks Lodge, the Columbiana Masonic Lodge, the Columbiana Kiwanis Club, and is a member of the Columbiana Presbyterian Church.

He is also a founder and a member of the board of directors of the Union Banking Company in Columbiana, serving as president of the board at one time.

Dr. and Mrs. Bookwalter have two sons, Dr. Lee, who is associated with his father, and Enos, a prominent Detroit corporation attorney, and five grandchildren.

(Note: Dr. Harry Bookwalter died in November 1955.)

## People You Should Know:

### Jean Weaver

(From the Salem News, December 14, 1968)

When Jean Weaver retires at the end of the year as Columbiana's head librarian, she will be able to look back on nearly 60 years of service to the community.

But though the last 32 of those years have largely been spent in guiding the reading of the Columbiana Public Library's patrons, many of those who have been introduced to the wonders of books by the gracious, bright-eyed lady behind the desk do not know that her first role in the community was that of high school teacher.

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Mrs. Weaver first saw Columbiana in the summer of 1909, when, as Miss Jean Garrard, a recent graduate of Western Reserve College for Women—now Flora Stone Mather—she came looking for a teaching job.

A native of Pittsburgh, where her father owned a building contractor supply store, she had been the only one of her friends to go to college—a rather unusual step at the time, especially for a girl. She had chosen Western Reserve because a cousin of her mother had attended the Cleveland school and recommended it.

So, one day in July, 1909, with a bachelor of arts

degree in languages to her credit, and a Phi Beta Kappa key besides, she rode the milk train from Pittsburgh to Columbiana and presented herself at the door of Superintendent Franklin Johnson.

After talking with young Miss Garrard, Superintendent Johnson arranged for her to meet the other board members—Jeffrey Staley at his shoe store, John Barrow, Albert Harrold, Jake Detwiler, and even member Scott White, with whom she managed to talk while he was at work on the new school building. After dinner at the Johnson home, she took the train back to Pittsburgh that evening with the assurance that the position was hers.

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That fall she began her duties as teacher of English, Latin, German, algebra, and botany in the first floor west corner room of what is now the old part of the high school, and some of her students who have remained firm friends over the years will attest to the fact that she was a good one, too.

Since she was one of only two faculty members, Miss Garrard carried the additional title of assistant principal. Principal was Miss Linda Snyder, who taught the remaining high school classes.

An extra-curricular duty was coaching girls' basketball, she recalls. These sessions were held uptown in the old opera house on Vine Street where the bloomer-clad young ladies exercised in the utmost privacy. (Fathers were, with some hesitance on the part of the administration, finally allowed to watch!)

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She had been introduced to handsome, young Roy Weaver after church on the first Sunday after she had begun teaching, but four years passed before they set the important date.

They were married November 19, 1913, and the new Mrs. Weaver retired from teaching. They moved into a newly-built home at 390 Fairfield Avenue, where Mrs. Weaver lives now with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Parsly, and their children, Geoffrey, 14, and Susan, 12.

Mr. Weaver, who was employed in the shipping department of the Enterprise Company for many years and later as a salesman for the Columbiana Lubricating Company, died in 1960.

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The Weavers also were the parents of two sons. John, a Wittenberg graduate, is now director of development and communications for the U.S. Committee of UNICEF. The father of three boys, two at Amherst and one a graduate, he and his wife make their home in Larchmont, New York.

George, an Air Force captain during World War II, died in 1951 of polio after an inoculation during a physical exam which would have preceded a Korean War tour. His children are Elaine, a student at the University of Maryland, and Bruce, a recent Columbiana High graduate.

Daughter Jean Parsly is an Ohio University graduate and former picture editor of Holiday Magazine. She now works in the libraries of the Columbiana school system.

The "Lifetime of Service" award presented to Mrs. Weaver in 1962 by the Columbiana Chamber of Commerce was well-earned.

She served on the Board of Education for eight years in the 1920's and helped to organize and later became president of the first parent-teacher group in the school system.

When the library was established in 1934 she was a member of the first board, resigning the next year to become head librarian.

The present building was built during her tenure—from 1934 to 1939 the library was housed in the small building next to the village hall—at a cost, almost unbelievable today, of \$16,900. In 1951 the children's department was set up downstairs, and an addition was completed in 1961.

She has set up branch libraries in the three Columbiana schools, and with Mrs. Virginia Felger, sponsored the Readers Guild, a women's club which recently observed its 25th anniversary.

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She has been an enthusiastic musician, directing the choir at the Presbyterian Church for many years and at one time singing in the Monday Musical Club chorus. She was a charter member of the Columbiana Music Study Club and is still an active member.

She was an early member of Sorosis Club, but resigned many years ago. She is now a member of Philology Club, the Historical Society, and the Presbyterian Church.

An avid bridge player, she belongs to what she terms "probably the oldest bridge club in town."

With her busy schedule, spare time activities have been limited, but she looks forward to doing much long-awaited reading after the first of the year, and catching up with those things she's always been meaning to do.

She plans to come back to the library occasionally as a substitute.

But most important after so many busy years will be "not to have to watch the clock!"

— Marilyn Durr

## People You Should Know: Perry Kyser

(From The Salem News, April 28, 1968)

To hundreds of Columbiana village residents, Park Manager Perry Kyser IS Firestone Park.

The slender, active man with the distinctive thatch of white hair is always around when something's going on.

Every Columbiana child is Perry's friend, from the tiniest ones barely able to say, "Hi, Pewwy!," to the countless teenagers he has watched grow up. During the hot summer days when the youngsters spend long hours at the popular park pool, Perry plays the role of a combination monitor and father confessor to the kids, sometimes serving as "mother's helper" by calling Johnny out of the pool in time for his music lesson or his supper.

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A native of Columbiana, Perry is a 1923 graduate of Columbiana High School, where he was captain of the football team in his senior year and active on the

basketball squad as well as in school dramatic productions. He attended Ohio State for a time, then worked at several jobs in the next few years.

His first association with the park was in 1935, the year of its inception. During that depression summer when, like so many others, he found himself "between jobs," he served as one of the pool's first lifeguards.

Later he went to work for Republic Steel Corporation in the metallurgical department, and in 1937 became attached to Army Ordnance as part of a government steel inspection corps. He served 28 months in the Army during World War II in the Pacific and after the war went back with the inspection corps.

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After a stint with the inspection corps and a hitch as an expeditor for a chair company in Youngstown, Perry decided that the business world was not for him.

His chance to break away came in 1948 when Columbiana's mayor, Kenneth Gormley, and Marion Poulton, then president of the Park Board, asked him to come to Columbiana as park manager. He agreed to try it "for a year or two," as he put it, and this year observes his twentieth year on the job.

Though the pay is not as high as that in the business world he left, the opportunities to be independent, to work in the out-of-doors, and to get to know the many people who use the park have made his job a satisfying one, Perry says. He has especially enjoyed watching and taking part in the park's development.

He praised the Columbiana service clubs and garden clubs for their contributions to the upkeep of the park's buildings and grounds, and the Booster Club for its work on the athletic field and locker room. He also expressed gratitude for the VFW's Fourth of July fireworks display, which annually attracts thousands to the park's lawns and hillsides. The cooperative attitudes of Columbiana's mayors, council members and park boards have helped him greatly in his work, Perry attests.

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Probably the best part, though, is the satisfaction he feels when he sees his young friends grow up into happy young people and adults. His own children spent a large part of their growing years at the park with their Dad.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, have a son and daughter. Karen, a graduate of Ohio State University, is an occupational therapist at University of Michigan Hospital, and Perry, a senior at Ohio State, holds the distinction of being the highest ranking Army ROTC cadet in the United States—a major general.

The Kysers make their home on South Range Road in North Lima.

— Marilyn Durr

(Note: Perry Kyser retired in December 1972. He died in July 1973.)

## People You Should Know:

### Del Bailey

(From The Salem News, March 23, 1968)

When Delmore W. Bailey retires in June 1969, he

will have devoted 37 years to working with young people, the last 17 as superintendent of the Columbiana Village Schools.

His tenure as superintendent is surpassed in Columbiana County only by County Superintendent J. L. McBride at Lisbon.

Mr. Bailey's teaching career began in 1932 at Darby Rural High School in Union County, while he was still a student at Ohio State University. He commuted about 50 miles a day between Unionville Center and the university, where he completed his studies nights and Saturdays, graduating in 1933 with a bachelor of science degree in education.

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He taught just about everything at Darby Rural High, where he had been a member of the class of 1929. The faculty was small, and he had classes in world and American history, general science and biology, and agriculture. In addition, he coached basketball and baseball and directed the senior class play, where he got the worst sore throat he ever had, he recalls!

Shortly after graduation, he and Alberta Prickett, a home town girl who was also an OSU graduate, were married, and she began teaching first and second grade at Unionville center.

After three years there, the Baileys moved to Mineral Ridge in Trumbull County, where Mr. Bailey taught high school science and industrial arts. In 1941 he received his master's degree in school administration from Ohio State, and was promoted to high school principal at Mineral Ridge, a position he held until he came to Columbiana in 1946 as high school principal. He became superintendent in 1952.

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A profile of Mr. Bailey's years as superintendent reads like a progress report on the Columbiana school system.

When he took over the job, all classes in grades one through twelve were meeting in what is now the high school building. In 1955 Joshua Dixon School was built to house the kindergarten and first four grades. Four rooms were added in 1958 and part of the high school building was renovated. In 1962 South Side School was built for the intermediate grades.

The final phase of the building program is to begin this year, with six more rooms planned for Dixon School and a two-story 16-room addition set for South Side School to accommodate the 7th and 8th grades. An \$840,000 bond issue passed in November will provide funds for the final steps in the long-range program, which also includes renovation of the high school building, to be completed by the fall of 1969.

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Mr. Bailey's work with young people has not been restricted to the schools he has served. He has been active in Boy Scout work for 33 years, as cubmaster, assistant scoutmaster, and scoutmaster. He was chairman of the troop committee of Troop 16 of the First Methodist Church for many years and is now president of the Columbiana Council of Boy Scouts of America. In 1958 he received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award for scouting volunteers.

An active member of the First Methodist Church, he

has taught young people's Sunday School classes for many years. He had been a Rotarian for 22 years and was president of the Columbiana club in 1956. Other affiliations include the public library board, on which he has served 15 years, former membership on the Community Chest board, and membership in the Chamber of Commerce, which picked him for the "Man of the Year" award in 1962.

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The Baileys have raised three sons, all of whom attained the Eagle rank in Scouting.

Lawrence, a 1957 graduate of Ohio University, is purchasing agent for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plant in Danville, Va.

Charles Randall, now completing a doctorate in French history at the University of Chicago, is a teacher at State College of New York at Geneseo. He is a 1960 graduate of Ohio University.

John Kenneth, who was graduated from Ohio State in 1965, is working on his master's in education at the University of Toledo and teaches at Witmer High School there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey recently sold the home they lived in while the boys were growing up and moved into a three-room apartment. "It makes it easier for Alberta," Mr. Bailey says. Mrs. Bailey is a kindergarten teacher at Dixon School.

Although he'll be only 60 when he retires next year, Del Bailey believes he's accomplished what he set out to do in Columbiana. "It's a nice community," he said. "The people have been cooperative and the Board of Education is quite progressive."

The Baileys will move back to Union County where they own a home. They look forward to more traveling. Having already taken trips to the northeastern states, Florida and the west, they have their sights set on Europe and Hawaii.

— Marilyn Durr

## Leo Herbert Sponseller

The grandson of Conrad Sponseller, Columbiana's blacksmith of the 1820's, Leo Herbert Sponseller became one of the prominent civic and business leaders of the village. Born in 1895, he was the youngest of eight children of Jacob and Pauline Sponseller.

He graduated from Columbiana High School in 1915, a member of one of the school's first basketball teams. Leo served both nationally and in France during World War I as a member of the U.S. Army. He married the former Myrtle Brenteno in 1919 and had three sons, Herbert, Eugene, and Richard.

In 1921 Leo opened Sponseller's Tire Shop on the village square. His new business was located between the present sites of the log cabin and the Firestone Store. Here he sold numerous makes, specializing in Firestone tires. George Hoover bought Sponseller's Tire Shop in 1931, the same year Leo, along with Harry Eberhardt, bought out the Columbiana Motor Company. At that time the company sold Studebakers, but switched to Chevrolets in 1934. He remained manager of Columbiana Motors until his death in 1946.

His life was filled with civic-oriented functions. He was an active member of the First Christian Church

and was serving as a deacon at the time of his death. He was a member of Allen Lodge, F. & A.M. He had served as president of Kiwanis, president of the Firestone Park board, a member of city council, and a member of the board of directors of the Union Banking Company.

## Dick Fitzpatrick (1888-1971)

Death of a heart ailment Monday night closed the long, productive life of the beloved Dick Fitzpatrick, a Main Street merchant for 50 years and one of the men who fashioned Columbiana's history.

He missed by a month reaching his 84th birthday when death overtook him at Salem Community Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Seederly-Mong Funeral Home by the Rev. Floyd Gaugler, current pastor of the United Methodist Church, and the Rev. William Longworth of Salem, former pastor who served here during Fitzpatrick's active years in the church.

Burial will follow in Columbiana Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home are tonight from 7 to 9 p.m.

Fitzpatrick was one of a small company of men who once dominated the Main Street business district, including Leo Holloway, John Crawford, and John Ryan.

When Dick started on January 24, 1910, in the storeroom now occupied by Detwiler's, automobiles were just getting a foothold, and the only pavement in town was the section of Main Street from the National Union Bank north to the Square.

In the census that year, Columbiana had a population of 1,582. Lisbon was twice as large with 3,084, Leetonia was in its heyday with 2,665, and Salem was a bustling metropolis of 8,943.

On Main Street, the big stores were Tidd's Bargain Center, and H. H. Smith's general store. "Harve" Keller and Lehman & Shaffer were in the hardware business. W. T. Holloway and Fire & Co. were in dry goods, and Vaughn Bros. operated the only furniture store.

Dick was working after school and on Saturdays at H. H. Smith's big store when he was graduated from high school in 1907—the only boy in the class of five seniors.

The railroad depot was a social center when he was young. Crowds gathered to watch the trains arrive and leave, especially on Sunday.

Looking back over the years at the time of his retirement in 1960, Dick said he felt that the installation here of sanitary sewers during Dr. Harry Bookwalter's one-term occupancy of the Mayor's office gave Columbiana its first real attraction as a residential center.

There was an intermission in his mercantile career during World War I when he spent a year in France as a sergeant in the Medical Corps.

When he came back, he took over the mortgage on the handsome home on South Main Street which has been the Fitzpatrick homestead ever since.

By 1926 he was able to put up the brick Fitzpatrick Building at South Main and Friend Streets which houses the business today with his son, John, and daughter-in-law, Shirley, at the helm.



A lifelong Democrat, Dick served one term as Village Treasurer and two terms in Village Council.

He was in Council when the first overtures were made to create Firestone Park as a memorial to Harvey Firestone in his home town. Dick took an influential interest in the project, serving on the original park board which supervised the layout and development of the park.

A veteran member of Allen Lodge of Masons, he served as worshipful master in 1915, and also held affiliations with the Scottish Rite and Shrine branches of Masonry.

He joined the Rotary Club shortly after its establishment here, and also held membership in the Elks Lodge at Salem.

In the business community, he served for many years as a vice president and director of both the National Union Bank and the Home Savings and Loan, giving up both positions in recent years as his energy declined.

The Chamber of Commerce recognized his years of community contribution in 1970 by awarding him, in absentia, its "Lifetime of Service" award—a distinction he cherished.

His wife, Beryl, whom he married November 24, 1921, survives, along with his son, John.

Another son, James, was killed in service as an Air Force pilot in World War II in 1944. His memory is perpetuated in the James Fitzpatrick Memorial Award, bestowed annually by the Rotary Club to the outstanding 4-H member in the area.

A brother, Ray, with whom he started in business back in the early days, preceded him in death in 1948.

(From The Ledger, Wednesday, December 8, 1971)

## Leo Holloway (1890-1964)

Leo E. Holloway, 73, grandson of the founder of the former Holloway store here and recipient of the Chamber of Commerce's "Lifetime of Service" award in 1958, died of a heart attack at 10:45 a.m. Monday at his home.

A businessman for 48 years and a lifetime resident of Columbiana, Holloway retired in 1956, selling the 81-year-old firm to his son David.

Born July 12, 1890, in Columbiana, Leo was the son of Walter T. and Olive Kridler Holloway. He was graduated from Columbiana High School in 1907, and attended the Dana Institute of Music in Warren for one year.

A veteran of World War I, Holloway served with the American forces in France, was married to the former Carrie Smith on September 29, 1917, and was discharged in 1918, when he became associated with his father in the clothing store, then called W. T. Holloway & Son.

Active in community affairs, Holloway was a member of the school board for eight years, clerk of the board for 17 years, and a past president and member of the local Rotary Club for 39 years, having served as the club's pianist during that entire time. He was recently honored for having 30 years of perfect attendance at Rotary meetings.

Holloway also was a charter member and present vice president of the Historical Society of Columbiana

and Fairfield Township, a charter member of Benjamin Firestone Post 290 of the American Legion, organist at the First Presbyterian Church in Salem for 14 years, organist in the First Christian Church in Salem for two years, an elder for 20 years in the Grace United Church of Christ here, and was currently serving on that church's governing board.

Besides his wife, Carrie, of RD 1, Columbiana, he also leaves two sons, David of Columbiana, and Walter of Youngstown, and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday) at the Grace Church, where the body will lie in state from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Burial will be in Columbiana Cemetery, with the Rev. Harold Thiedt officiating.

Friends may call this evening (Wednesday) at the Seederly-Beilhart Funeral Home here.

(From The Ledger, Wednesday, April 15, 1964)

## Ray Fisher (1893-1975)

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Jerusalem Lutheran Church for Ray W. Fisher, 81 of 633 South Main Street, who died Thursday afternoon of a heart condition at Salem Community Hospital East Unit, where he had been a patient two days.

A resident of the community all his life, he was a member of the original Firestone Park Board, and he belonged to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, where he served as trustee, elder, and president of the building committee.

He was a charter member of the Columbiana Kiwanis Club, Senior Veterans Club, and American Legion Post 290.

He served for eight years on Village Council and 40 years as a member of the Volunteer Fire Department.

In 1964 he received the Chamber of Commerce "Lifetime of Service" award, and in May 1974 he was presented by the Senior Citizens the "Senior Citizen of the Month" award.

He served on the executive committees of Scaroyadii Lodge of the Order of the Arrow and Shawnee District of the Columbiana Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

He was a charter member of the Columbiana County Forests and Parks Council, and was instrumental in the renovation of Gaston's Mill in Beaver Creek State Park, serving on the operating committee.

He had received a certificate from President Gerald Ford for "selfless consecration to his country" for service in the army during World War I.

Before his retirement in 1959, he was employed by NRM Corporation as shop superintendent. He was affiliated with the Mahoning Valley Industrial Management Association. In June 1972 he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Services were conducted by Pastor Robert B. Simen. Arrangements were handled by Warrick Funeral Home and burial was in Columbiana Cemetery.

Born August 3, 1893, in Columbiana, Fisher was the son of Dayton and Linda Gleckler Fisher. Surviving are his wife, the former Orvilla V. Lennig, whom he married June 28, 1922; one sister, Mrs. Alma Biddison of Columbiana; and two brothers, Irl L. Fisher of Port Clinton and G. Charles Fisher of Columbiana. He was

preceded in death by one sister, Mrs. Cora Henry, who died in 1965, and one brother, Guy Fisher, who died in 1966.

(From The Ledger, Wednesday, February 5, 1975)

## Harvey S. Firestone

Harvey S. Firestone, son of Benjamin and Catherine Flickinger Firestone, was born December 20, 1868, at the Firestone Homestead built by his ancestor, Nicholas Firestone in 1828. Beginning at the age of seven, he attended Pleasant Valley School for eight years, then went to Columbiana High School, graduating in 1887. He then went to Cleveland and entered the Spencerian Business College.

Taking up the study of bookkeeping, he became a bookkeeper in a coal company office. In Detroit, he was state manager of Columbus Buggy Company. With two financial partners, he bought out a retail tire shop with service in Chicago. In 1898, the Firestone Rubber and Tire Company on Wabash Avenue bought out the Imperial Rubber Tire Company and the two combined did the largest carriage tire business in the city. This successful business was bought by Rubber Tire Wheel Company of Springfield, Ohio, and became a part of the Consolidated Rubber Tire Company, organized by a New York syndicate. Firestone was retained as manager of its Chicago wholesale-retail business, but disagreement over policies arose and he left for Akron with about \$42,000 in capital.

The year was 1900 when Harvey S. Firestone arrived in Akron with his wife and infant son, Harvey Jr., in a snowstorm, to join Whitman and Barnes, who produced a line of carriage tires and rubber horseshoe pads. He went along with them as manager of tire sales to be paid a royalty on tires made and sold under his patent. James A. Swinehart, the originator of a side-wire method of attaching solid rubber, along with several other men looking for a man who had capital and experience and dependability, met with Firestone one night. That night, the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company was conceived, and it received its charter August 3, 1900.

At the beginning of the century, only 8,000 automobiles were registered—steam, electric, and gasoline—but by 1905 the registration had reached 77,000. Thread-like solids used on the buggy-auto had been abandoned in favor of single-tube bicycle tires. Double-tube tires replaced these—a clincher type. Firestone enjoyed a good business for his solid tires and put an engineer to work to avoid the clincher principle in pneumatics. To test his product he bought a Maxwell and had it refitted with a new type rim at Akron, made a test run to his birthplace in Columbiana, then put his pneumatics on the market. Henry Ford, planning to produce four-cylinder runabouts to sell for \$500, was in the market for 2,000 sets of tires. After testing Firestone tires, he placed an order for the Firestone Mechanically Fastened Pneumatics at \$55 a set—2,000 sets to be delivered April 1906, 4,000 sets in May, and 2,000 in June. This started Firestone's company on its way, and it continued to grow, always at the forefront on offering innovations as the demand required—more resiliency, new-type rims, more mileage.

During World War I Plant 2 was converted to make observation balloons and gas mask parts; other war

materials made were tubes, tires, rubber solution, cement for balloons, grooving machines, leakproof airplane tanks, steel equipment, high boots, short boots, and gaiters. Following the war, Firestone continued its growth and became one of the largest companies in the industry.

Harvey Firestone hobnobbed with the greatest in the U.S.A.—Thomas A. Edison, John Burroughs, Henry Ford, and presidents William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, and Herbert Hoover. John D. Rockefeller presented him with one of his famous dimes. On October 24, 1928, Firestone was honored at a dinner for pioneers of American industry held at the Hotel Astor in New York City along with Julius Rosenwald, merchandising, Thomas A. Edison, invention, Thomas Lipton, tea, Charles M. Schwab, iron and steel, Henry Ford and Walter P. Chrysler, automobiles, and George Eastman, photography.

When World War II came along, after Firestone's death, the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company again helped in the war effort, producing among other things bullet-sealing fuel cells in various sizes for army and navy planes, rubber block tank tracks and bogie rollers for Army tanks, CT-4A troop-carrying invasion gliders, wing panels for C-46 command transports, barrage balloons, collapsible life rafts containing supplies, and floating bridges for army assault forces. Firestone was responsible for the re-design and mass manufacture of Bofors 40-millimeter anti-aircraft gun mounts and carriages; a secret D-D war product to make tanks amphibious used in the invasion of Normandy was manufactured exclusively by Firestone in 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Firestone were the parents of five sons, Harvey S., Jr., Leonard K., Russell A., Raymond C., and Roger S., and one daughter, Elizabeth. He always had a deep feeling for his life on the farm, sending the older boys to spend time with their grandmother at the old homestead each summer. They would help with the chores, walk in bare feet over the hot dusty roads to Columbiana, stopping to check on the riding horses pastured on a piece of land about a mile from Columbiana.

For many years while his mother was alive he would drive to Columbiana with his family in a large open car (I believe it was a Winton Six), pick up his mother, and all would attend church services at the Grace Reformed Church. Following the services he would visit with old friends in front of the church.

Some time before his death, he had a high board fence built on the south side of Route 14 of about one-half mile and planted evergreens in front of it to cut down the traffic noises. It was at that time he planned to retire to the old homestead and spend his last years at the spot of his boyhood, but he never did. He passed away in his sleep in February 1938.

During his lifetime he had purchased farms as they came up for sale until he eventually owned the original land ceded to Nicholas Firestone by President Thomas Jefferson.

With all the success and honors bestowed upon him, he remained always a very unassuming man, whose great joy was in the old homestead and his old friends.

— Ray Hum

## The Nichols Family

William Nichols (1785-1867), whose great-grandparents had come from England about 1716, and Mary Janney (1782-1827), whose great-great-grandfather had been a minister in the Society of Friends in Cheshire, England, and had come to this country with his family in 1663, were married in 1804.

They came to Columbiana County with their family from Goose Creek, Loudon County, Virginia, in a covered wagon drawn by four horses, bringing along a grandfather clock made by Chandler Goldsmith, a ladder-back rocker, silverware, and other heirlooms.

Their children were:

—Isaac (1805-1886) who married Mary Gregg in 1828, and had four children. He was one of the builders of a grist mill and owned the farm where Wilmer Swope now lives on Beeson Mill Road. Later the family moved to Nebraska.

—Samuel (1807-1873) who married Triphenia Hanna, daughter of Benjamin Hanna, in 1833, and had six children. Samuel opened a store on the Public Square with Lot Holms in 1835. Descendents now live in Illinois.

—Hannah (1808-1872) who married Arthur Rogers in 1830 and had eleven children. Descendents live in Barnesville.

—Sarah (1810-1838) who married Lot Holmes in 1828 and had four children.

—Stacy (1812-1902) who married Martha Ann Brow in 1835, then Faithful Mercer in 1837. He lived on the Leetonia Road and operated a grist mill, later converting it to a sawmill and finally a woolen mill. His house was razed when Route 11 was built. He had eight children.

—Jesse (1814-1883) who married Mary Brown in 1838 and had eight children, one of which, William Alpheus Nichols, was prosecuting attorney in 1869-72 then judge of the Court of Common Pleas. They lived on the Leetonia Road where the Wislers now live.

—Mary (1816-1907) who married Jesse Allen in 1838, who went into business here with Benjamin Hanna in 1813.

—Margery (1819-1884) who married Dr. George Metzger in 1838 and had three children.

—William (1821-1901) who married Mary A. K. Mather in 1873. They had just one son, William, who operated the farm on Salem Road now known as the Redpath place.

—Mahlon (1823-1893) who married Ruth Hanna Pancoast in 1847, who was a Quaker minister. He bought a section in Salem Township and built a farm home in Franklin Square. They had ten children.

The children of Mahlon and Ruth Nichols were:

—Joshua (1848-1863).

—Jesse M. (1850-?) who married Lydia J. Adams and went to Nebraska where he opened a store. They had five children.

—Edwin W. (1852-1917) who married Martha Baker. Their daughter, Mary, married Edwin Farmer, and their son, Lloyd, married Elsie Zimmerman and fathered Zada and Marquis, who now lives on Lower Elkton Road. His sons, Dennis and Paul, operate their grandmother's farm.

—Sallie (1856-1929) who married Oscar Betz and had three children. He owned a farm in Franklin Square.

—Cassandra (1858-1863).

—Mahlon (1854-1904) who married Mariah Switzer and had four children. He was a blacksmith.

—George (1862-1947) who married Georgia Pike in 1899. He owned a 140-acre farm on the Canfield Road which is now operated by his sons, Paul S. and Hayden G. Nichols.

—Mary (1864-1865).

—John P. (1867-1911) who married Lydia C. Betz and lived on a farm on the Lisbon Road which is now Copeland Hills Golf Course. They had seven children.

—Robert H. (1872-1905) who married Myrtle L. Badger and had three children.

The children of John P. and Lydia C. Nichols were:

—Olive (1889-1930) who married William Ross Anglemeyer in 1910 and had a daughter, Eleanor.

—Bessie Lydia (1891-1966) who married Oren McClun in 1913 and had two sons, Stephen and Virgil.

—Mahlon Pancoast (1894- ) who married Ellura Julia Cook and became a county agent and soil conservationist in Kentucky. Their three children are Mahlon P., the Rev. Hugh Elton, and Davis.

—Leo Oscar (1898-1959) who married Gladys Marie Anglemeyer and had two sons, Dale and Gene.

—Solomon David (1902-1968) who married Anna Headrick and had four children, Wayne, Glenn, Donna and Detta.

—Vaughn S. (1906-1973) who married Ruth Rena Test and had Barbara, Roy and Lee.

—Carrie Elnor (1912- ) who married Harry Clemence Keylor in 1934. He bought the Columbiana Restaurant from Roy Kerr and they moved from Columbus to Columbiana in 1941. Carrie was a teacher. They had three children. Hubert Karl Keylor, M.D., married Dorothy Jean Beard and they had three sons, Keith Allen, Michael Robert, and Frederick Charles. He later married Patricia Ruth Whyde Sarchet and they have a son, Eric Karl. Frances Clara Keylor married Howard Emanuel Shearer and they have four children, Jodi Reine, Dirk Emanuel, Daniel Howard, and Lance Solomon. Lucille Ada Keylor married Neal Edward Meyer and they have three daughters, Melissa May, Marni Marie, and Miranda Martina.

## William Bushong:

William Bushong was born around 1760-1770, either in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, or Shenandoah County, Virginia.

On May 16, 1787, he married Catharina Barthy in Shenandoah County, and they came to Columbiana County along with William's brother, Peter, and his wife, the former Rebecca Crabill Strickler, and William's brother, Jacob.

William and Catharina had five children: Sarah, who married Joseph Hisey; Mary Ann, who married Philip Shoe; Daniel, who married Elizabeth Hisey; Elizabeth, who married George Grim; and Catharine, who married George Fecht.

Peter Bushong, whose wife was a widow when he married her, had no children of his own. His wife's children by her marriage to Strickler came with them

to Ohio. Jacob Bushong moved on to Stark County, where he died in 1830.

William Bushong died around November 1837 in Columbiana.

(Researched by Carol Willsey Flavell)

## Abel Lodge

Abel Lodge, whose birthplace and birthdate are unknown, and his wife, Tacy, were the parents of eight children: Abel; Catharine, who married John Wallihan; Susanna, who married Thomas C. Morgan; Mary, who married William Hatcher; Elisabeth, who married Robert Craig; Mahala, who married Samuel Byrns; Esther, who married Elijah Martin; and Urban.

Abel Lodge died in June 1839 in Fairfield Township.

(Research: C.W.F.)

## John Rapp:

John Rapp was born October 24, 1775. He and his wife, Maria Catherine, arrived in the United States on the ship "Margaret" on August 25, 1805.

Known children of the couple are John, born in 1800; Maria Julianna, born about 1802; Henry, born about 1806 in Ohio; and Catharine, birthdate unknown.

John Rapp died about May 14, 1830 and is buried in North Lima Cemetery. His son Henry Rapp (1806-1881) and his wife, Elizabeth Coblentz (1806-1880), left many descendents in this area.

According to the records, the subject John Rapp was not the son of George Rapp, founder of the Harmony Society.

It is recorded that John Rapp, along with Gottlabana Schaaalen, George Muntz, Michael Esterly, Friedrich Wilhelm, and Jacob Heckenlaible, brought suite against George Rapp and the Harmony Society in 1806. They had all intended to join the Harmony Society, but for some reason left and settled in Columbiana County.

(Research: C.W.F.)

## Alexander Rogers:

Alexander Rogers was born July 25, 1773, in Ireland, and he married Catherine Wallihan, who was born July 25, 1779, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He died October 5, 1845, in Columbiana. She died July 25, 1851, in Illinois.

They had eleven children: Elizabeth (1798), who married John Stock; Rachel (1799), who married someone with the surname Kidd; Daniel (1802), who married Catherine Criss; Nancy (1804), who married Dr. Levi Wilcox; George A. (1806), who married Ann Shinn; John (1808); Samuel (1810); Dr. Thomas P. (1812), who married Harriet Wilcox; Alexander (1815); Reason (1817); and David (1819), who married Margaret Young.

(Research: C.W.F.)

## George Augustus Rogers:

George Augustus Rogers was born June 30, 1736, in Clough, Ireland. He and his wife, Alice, born December

25, 1751, had ten children: George Augustus (1766); Thomas (1771), who was married to a woman named Agnes whose surname is unknown; Alexander (1773), who was married to Catherine Wallihan; Mary (1775), who married Anthony Robertson; Nancy (1777), who married Samuel Wallihan; Elizabeth (1779); Hester (1782); Rachel (1784); Samuel (1787); and John (1792).

George Augustus Rogers died October 6 or 8, 1828, in Columbiana County. His wife, Alice died July 25, 1811, in Columbiana County.

(Research: C.W.F.)

## Henry Seachrist:

Henry Seachrist was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1813. On April 29, 1834, he was married to Margaret Windle, who was born November 29, 1816, in Columbiana.

They had ten children: John, no birthdate, who died young; Elizabeth (1837), who married Elias Myers; Jacob W. (1840), who married first Elizabeth Lower, and second Marillus Crum; Enos (1842), who married Rebecca Marlnee; Tryphena (1844), who married Edward Seeds; Margaret Ann (1848), who married Jonas Hoke; Eva (1851); Leonard (1852), who married Susan Myers; Ira (1855), who married Barbara Ott; and Mary (1858), whose husband's surname was Rauch.

Henry Seachrist died on May 12, 1894, in Fairfield Township, and his wife Margaret, died May 28, 1886, in Columbiana.

(Research: C.W.F.)

## Samuel Wallihan:

Samuel Wallihan's birthdate is unknown, but the family came from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, between 1802 and 1804, settling in East Fairfield, and Samuel married Nancy Rogers, daughter of George, who was born August 1, 1777.

Samuel died in East Fairfield on June 24, 1844, and Nancy died the same year on March 7, also in East Fairfield.

They had ten children: John (1797), who married Susan Hartzell; George (1799); Hester (1801); Alice (1802), who married Jonas Hartzell; Catherine (1804), who married John Bradfield; Anne (1805), who married Dr. Sylvanus Fisher; Samuel R. (1808) who married Ruth Moulton; Pierce (1810), who married Lucy Flower; Alexander (1812), who married Hannah Pettit; and Mary (1814), who married John Crawford.

(Research: C.W.F.)

## John Windle:

John Windle was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia on February 12, 1782. On June 16, 1807, he married Elizabeth Bushong, who was born July 9, 1786, also in Shenandoah County, the daughter of Jacob and Eve Bushong.

He served in the War of 1812 in the company organized in Fairfield Township which was commanded by his wife's brother, Lieutenant John Bushong.

John Windle died on October 7, 1857, in Columbiana, and his wife, Elizabeth, died February 25, 1859, in Columbiana.



They were the parents of: Augustine (1813), who married first Hannah Hardman, and second Hannah Lehman; Eve Elizabeth (1814), who married Jacob Boston; and Margaret (1816), who married Henry Seachrist.

(Research: C.W.F.)

## The Lower Family

Matthias Lower, a native of Maryland, came to Ohio from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1799 along with six other men to look for land. He brought his wife, Elizabeth Arner Lower, and his family here in 1800. To this union were born six sons, George, Elias, John, Jacob, David and Henry, and two daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth. He built a home in Section 23. (See the tablet on the rock in the roadside park on Route 7, about one mile north of Middleton.)

The first Common Pleas Court was organized and held in Columbiana County at the house (or barn) of Matthias Lower on July 26, 1803. The first case was tried there and the jury deliberated sitting on a log in the woods nearby. This was the first county seat. The county and five townships were laid out here. The first court in Columbiana County was a session of the Supreme Court held at the house of Matthias Lower on June 14, 1803.

Many of his descendants are living in this area, one of whom is Floyd Lower of Lisbon.

Matthias Lower died in 1841, and there is some question as to where he was buried. Late research indicates he might have been buried in the Hum Cemetery on Metz Road, since there are at least ten members of the Lower family buried there. Many stones are so badly weathered that it is impossible to decipher the names, but Elizabeth Reese Lower, wife of George Lower, Matthias' son, is buried there, as is their son, Henry, who died at age thirty-one.

Matthias Lower's tombstone has been found in the oldest part of Columbiana Cemetery. But since Columbiana Cemetery was not founded until 1868, 27 years after his death, we don't know whether the body itself was moved to the new location, or just the stone.

## The Galbreath Family

One of the earliest settlers in Fairfield Township was Edward Paxson Galbreath, born in Hanover Township on May 25, 1832. His great-great-grandfather was born in Ireland and came with the Quaker immigration to Pennsylvania prior to 1761 where his grandfather was born. He moved with his parents to Fairfield Township and married Jane Minerva Shaw on February 28, 1855.

Of this union six children were born: Charles Burleigh, Edith Helen, James Edwin, Asher Abraham, Leonard William, and Alice Edna.

Charles Burleigh married Ida Kelley, a school teacher, on July 29, 1882. He attended Lisbon High School, and graduated from Mount Union College in 1883. He was superintendent of the East Palestine schools for eight years, president of Hope College, and school examiner of Columbiana County from 1885 to 1893. In 1896 he was elected State Librarian by the library commission created by the seventy-second general assembly. While serving, he made many changes, one of which was a system of traveling

libraries. He was president of the National Association in 1900.

He was author of a number of books and monographs, among which are "First Newspaper in Ohio," "Coffman Ross, Author of Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too," and he contributed to library and education journals.

## The Stratton Family

In the autumn of 1713 two daughters of Timothy Hancock married the brothers Mark and Emanuel Stratton. The records of the marriages give no clue to their parentage or former residence, and conflicting traditions are found: that they were natives of Long Island descended from a William Stratton of Stratford, England, and that they came directly to New Jersey from England. We do know that they were members of the Society of Friends, as were all their children, and as many of their descendants are. We will here be concerned with the descendants of Mark Stratton.

Mark Stratton of Evesham Township, near the present town of Medford, New Jersey, married on October 8, 1713, Ann Hancock, daughter of Timothy and Susannah Ives Hancock. A man of prominence in the Quaker community in which he lived, he died at the age of 71 in 1759.

He and Ann had nine children: David (1714), Daniel (1715), John (1718), Isaac, Enoch (1720); and Ruth, Ann, Elizabeth, and Jane.

David Stratton (1714-1771), the first son of Mark and Ann, married Mary Elkinton, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Antram Elkinton on January 7, 1737.

They had eight children: Sarah, Susannah (1739), Amy, Joseph (1743), Elias, Mark, Daniel (1750), and Mary.

Daniel Stratton (1750-1836), son of David and Mary, was said to have married twice, first in 1774 in New Jersey. He lived for 22 years in Virginia, leaving because of his dislike for slavery. In 1802 he brought his family to Logan County, Ohio.

There were eight children: Mahlon (1775), David (1782), John (1784), Margaret (1787), Mary (1793), Daniel (1797), Elias (1798), and Amy.

John Stratton (1784-1825), son of Daniel and Shady Hull, was born in Campbell County, Virginia, and came to Ohio in 1802. He married Esther Garwood, daughter of Isaiah and Mary Garwood of Hopewell, Virginia, and lived in Fairfield Township, Columbiana County, Ohio, where he died.

The children of John and Esther were: Amy (1809), Ruth (1812), Sabina (1814), David (1816), Levi (1819), Isaiah (1822), John (1824), and Mary (1827).

David Stratton (1816-1898), son of John and Esther, was born in Fairfield Township on June 28, 1816, and married Susanna Betz in 1838. He was a farmer and carpenter, and died in Leetonia in February 1898.

The children of David and Susanna were: Simon, George W., Artimus L., Mary, and Lorenzo.

Simon Stratton (1843-1916), son of David and Susanna, was born December 20, 1843, and in 1866 married Velina Newhouse, who had been born January 25, 1846. She died in 1941.

Their children were Carrie, Howard, and David.

Howard Stratton (1878-1942), son of Simon and Velina, married Effie A. Freed on May 17, 1900. She died in 1965.

Their children are Walter (1901- ) of Salem, Clyde (1903- ) of Leetonia, Lloyd (1905-1954), Wilbur (1907- ) of Columbiana, Herbert (1910- ) of Leetonia, Theda (1912- ) of Florida, Wayne (1914-1916), and Dorothy (1917-1974).

## The Staehle Family

Stephen Staehle, a vineyard tender on the estate of a nobleman in Hohentweil in the kingdom of Wurttemberg, Germany, was married to Christinia Margareta Gess. Their son, Johann Jacob Staehle, emigrated to America with his wife, Regina Mack Staehle, and three children, Caroline Elizabeth, Jacob Frederick, and Catherine Fredericke, sailing on March 12, 1854.

They landed at New York on April 22 and soon went westward to Pittsburgh. In May 1862 they moved to a farm in Springfield Township, Mahoning County. Caroline Elizabeth married J. Wendel Kratz at Pittsburgh, Jacob Frederick married Elizabeth Dorothea Kuegele in Columbiana, and Catherine Fredericke married Andrew Harter and later lived in Indiana.

Henry Staley, who was so active in church and school work in the village of Columbiana was a son of Jacob Frederick Staehle and his wife, Elizabeth.

## The Esterly Pioneers

Michael and Catherine Esterly, born in the Duchy of Wurttemberg, Germany—the name was spelled Oesterreich, meaning Easter, a festival of the East—left Amsterdam on the American ship "Aurora" along with their children, George, 14, Jacob, 12, Catherine, 9, Michael, 7, and John, an infant, on a voyage arranged by George Rapp, a Separatist.

The vessel approached Baltimore on July Fourth, 1804. The celebration there was so noisy they believed either the savages were attacking or England had renewed war. But it was soon over and they landed on the deck. With them were Christopher Renkenberger, whose son, George, married Catherine Esterly, and those of the Strohecker, Mahnesmith, and Favinger families.

After a stay of three weeks in Baltimore the Esterlys, in company with others from the ship "Aurora", started for Pittsburgh. There is no tradition of the route taken, but the only freight route in operation between Baltimore and Pittsburgh was an old military road followed by Braddock and 14,000 men that put down the Whiskey Insurrection in 1794, and they no doubt traveled this road, arriving after a tedious journey of three weeks, paying at the rate of \$6 for 100 pounds of freight.

In Pittsburgh they were lodged in a shipyard for about two weeks. While they were there several of the boys went into the river to bathe, and young Michael Esterly was drowned. He was buried in the cemetery of a little German church which stood at the corner of Sixth and Smithfield Streets.

They arrived in Pittsburgh the last week of August, and there was need for rest to consider Pastor Rapp's plan for the Harmony Society he was organizing, which in the end Michael Esterly declined. Also, they

had pressing work on hand in getting teams and wagons, provisions, clothing, implements, and tools.

Finally the family went down the Ohio River in a common ferry flat to Beaver Point, or, as it was then called, Fort McIntosh. From there they took an old Indian trail that divided about four or five miles northwest, and then followed Colonel Bouquet's trail. On the sixth night they camped near what is now Rogers, Ohio. East Fairfield was the first village they passed through after entering Ohio. When the family reached Middleton settlement they were directed to the new town of Columbiana and the hospitality of Joshua Dixon. Michael Esterly entered a quarter section of land jointly with his friend, John Muntz.

A cabin was built on Section 5 of Fairfield Township in 1804—a one-room structure 20 feet long and 14 feet wide. When they arrived here it was too late to make a sowing in 1804, but of certain food supplies there was great abundance. The carcass of a 150-pound deer could be purchased for fifty cents. There was a wealth of waterfowl and brook trout, and burdens of nuts to supplement what could be bought from the Middleton settlers. Corn grew wherever the ground could be cleared and hominy became the staff of life.

Of the family that settled here, George married Frederica Heverly, Jacob married Barbara Mukenfoos, John married Miranda Scoggins, Catherine married George Renkenberger, and Anna Marie married John Jonathan Rukenbrod.

Descendents of these married into many of the pioneer families of this area. Living in the area now are Clifford Esterly, Miss Ethel Esterly, Mrs. Bertha Bierman, Mrs. Chester (Winifred) Urbschat, and Mrs. John (Miriam) Hutson.

## The George Reash Family

Godfried Rich (1794-1843), a native of Wurttemberg, Germany, arrived in America, at age 21, in August 1805 aboard the ship "Margaret" with a group of followers of religious leader George Rapp, founder of the Harmony Society.

His first wife, Margaret Meyer Rapp, followed in 1806, giving birth to daughter Rebecca while at sea.

The family first settled in Unity Township, where they raised a family of six. The children were Sarah who married Lorenz Shale; Rebecca, who married David Sensenbacher; Benjamin, who married Rebecca "Peggy" Kuntz; George, who married, first, Catharine Kuntz, and second, Ellen Cole, daughter of Henry Cole; John; and Elizabeth, who married Jacob Harmon.

George Reash (born in 1814) settled in Fairfield Township and raised two families. By his first marriage he had George Jr., Samuel, Sarah, Opalina, and Savilla.

By his second marriage to Ellen Cole he had Harvey, who married Hannah Caldwell, and Anne Dell, who married Charles Bush.

Harvey (1870-1955) and Hannah Reash were the parents of Ivan (1894-1974) who married Grace Lemley; Rita (1896- ) who married Rollie R. Peppel; William (1899- ) who married, first Olive Boyd, and second, Freda Mackerman; Everett Leroy (1901- ) who married Verna; and Loran (1905- ) who married Gertrude Lindesmith.

The spelling of the name varied from Rich, to Riesh, to Rish, and the earliest spelling of Reash is found in land records in 1832.

(Researched by: Jean Sansenbaugher Morris)

## The Amos Weber Family

In 1873 a widow, Mrs. Emil (Mary Keller) Weber, arrived in America from her native Basil, Switzerland, with her four children, John, Bernard, Amos, and Mary. They settled first in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania.

In February 1888 Amos, who was employed as an engineer with the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, purchased from Isiah and Sarah Metz 54.9 acres of land in Section 12 adjacent to the Benjamin Firestone property.

Amos Weber (1865-1936) met in Allegheny City and married Rosalie Madliger (1874-1942), daughter of Gotfried and Elizabeth Jacobs Madliger, natives of Bern, Switzerland.

They were the parents of 13 children:

- Walter (1894-1959) married Ethel Grosscross.
- Edward (1897-1955) married Ethel Lyth.
- Alice (1898- ) married William Sansenbaugher.
- Otto (1901-1956) married Mary Sheely.
- Emma (1903- ) married James Sansenbaugher.
- Olive (1905- ) married Clarence Miller and presently lives in the Weber Homestead which was built by Isiah Metz in 1884.
- Ralph (1906-1959) was employed all his life by Firestone Farms.
- Harvey (1908- ) married Edna Might.
- Helen (1911- ) married Don Rupert.
- Robert (1913- ) married Louetta Franket.
- Wilbur "Ike" (1915- ) married Bernice Shields, and has also been employed all his life by Firestone Farms and is presently manager of the Implement Testing Division.

The family were early members of Grace Church and descendants remain active on its membership rolls.

(Researched by: J.S.M.)

## The Weber Homestead

The Weber Homestead, located in Section 12 of Fairfield Township, is presently owned by Clarence and Olive Weber Miller.

From deeds in their possessions it has been determined that on June 1, 1854, Daniel Metz purchased property from John T. and Lizzie R. Freid, and on October 25, 1855, he purchased more from Solomon Vollnogle. On November 25, 1867, he bought more property from John T. and Lizzie Freid, and on November 28, 1883, title passed from Daniel and Margaret Metz to Isiah Metz.

On February 20, 1888, Amos Weber bought the property from the Metzses. The house was not completed at the time of Weber's purchase of the property, but it was constructed by Isiah Metz. Newspapers dated 1884 were found during remodeling some years ago, and the date of erection is presumed to be 1884.

(Researched by: J.S.M.)

## The John Sensenbaugher Family

David Sanzenbacher (1806-1878) emigrated from Wurtemberg, Germany, to America in 1825 aboard the

Brig Wade. He was a weaver by profession and a follower of religious leader George Rapp and his Harmony Society. Shortly after arriving he married Rebecca (1806-1867), daughter of Gotfried and Margaret Meyer Reash.

They settled in Unity Township and had John; Jacob (1834-1888), who married Mariana Richards; Elizabeth (1836-1914) who married John Huen; and Benjamin (1842-1881) who married Emma Baughman.

The subject of this sketch, John Sensenbaugher (1830-1892), married Sophia (1839-1873), daughter of Baltzer and Magdalena Steinbaugh.

They were the parents of nine, among whom was Josiah (1858-1947), who married, first, Sarah Jane Lambright, and second, Lillie Hooker.

Two of Josiah's nine children have been life-long residents of Fairfield Township. William Sansenbaugher (1892- ) married Alice Weber, and James Sansenbaugher (1899- ) married Emma Weber. Both families have been active members of Grace Church.

(Researched by: J.S.M.)

## The Henry Cole Family

Henry Cole, Sr (1828-1904), came to Columbiana County with his parents from Maryland at the age of seven.

In 1855, when he was 27, he purchased 147-½ acres of land in Fairfield Township which had originally belonged to Nicholas Firestone and built his first home—a very primitive one.

He selected three saplings standing close together and, cutting them off at a convenient height, he used them as posts and boarded them up. The family lived there until the fall of that year when Henry bought a log house from Samuel Flickinger, which served until 1873 when he built a frame home.

Henry married first Elizabeth Metz (1818-1871) and they had Elizabeth, who married Jacob Dishong; George W.; Sally Ann, who married a man named Lowry; Ellen, who married George Reash; Mary, who married Pierce Lower; Henry, Jr.; and Lydia, who married H. Houlette. His second wife was Mary Ann Rauch (1831-?) who had no children.

Henry Cole, Jr. (1857-1919), married Mary Root (1860— 1929) of Mahoning County and they had Nora (1883-1941), who married Hosea Schaffer; Margaret (1884-1957), who married Charles B. Fuhrman; Elsie (1886- ), who married Ross Kyser; Ralph (1890-1964), who married Pearl; Carrie Elizabeth (1892-1957), who married Tirezah Renkenberger; and Mabel (1899- ), who married George R. Hoover.

The Schaffers had Virginia Schaffer Dreffer and Elizabeth Schaffer Dickens; the Fuhrmans had Kathryn; the Kysers had Cecil, Betty, and Robert; Ralph and Pearl Cole had Henry and Mildred; the Renkenbergers had Janet Renkenberger Kennedy; and the Hoovers had Virgil and Mary Hoover Inneman.

The young men of Columbiana, always on the lookout for beautiful girls, dated girls in Leetonia, Lisbon, and Salem, traveling to these towns by the Y & S and Y & O railways, returning on the last car which arrived in Columbiana about midnight.

One night, as this last car came in filled with

Columbiana boys, all the boys got off at the South Main Street Station. Since World War I was in progress, all were filled with patriotic fervor, and, expecting soon to be part of the action, they formed a company and marched from the station up Main Street to the Square, singing war songs all the way.

The strains of "Over There," "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," and "K-K-K-Katy," coming from the throats of an enthusiastic group of young men on Main Street at midnight created quite a sensation in staid old Columbiana. The perpetrators were summoned the following week to the office of Mayor Felger, who proved to be very understanding and let them all off with a warning.

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Town picnics were held in Todd's Woods (out South Main Street), Kyser's Grove (Salem Road), Silver Lake (near Akron), Myers Lake (near Canton), Southern Park, Pine Hollow, Rock Springs Park (Chester, W. Va.), Shelton's Grove (near Franklin Square), and Cascade Park (Sharon, Pa.) To the ones beyond horse and buggy driving distance excursion trains were arranged, and business places and manufacturing plants all closed for the day and everyone boarded the trains with their picnic baskets.

Shelton's Grove, near Franklin Square, was a popular picnic spot. On the way home, owners of fast horses would challenge anyone and the race was on. Wheels would lock, buggies would upset, and it was a fitting climax to an enjoyable day which might have included renting a boat and rowing down Beaver Creek to Teegarden.

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Many remember the bellings of newlyweds. Neighbors would gather at the home of the wife, where the couple usually spent the first night, with all kinds of noise makers—horns, bells and even shotguns—making an unearthly uproar until the couple appeared and passed out a treat. If they didn't, they might be put in a wagon and hauled a considerable distance by those in attendance.

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Box and pie socials were another popular form of entertainment. The girl would bring a pie or a box of food and these were auctioned off to the highest bidders—each high bidder earning the pleasure of eating the contents of the parcel with the girl who had brought it. Sometimes during the auction some folks, who had found out who brought a certain box, would keep the bidding going until the boy friend had to pay a pretty fancy price.

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Since this was rather a religious community, barn dancing was frowned upon. Ring games were played—two favorites were Farmer in the Dell and Skip-Come-A-Lou. These were sung or chanted as the group formed a ring and executed the movements called for in the song.

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Bobsled rides were fun. The sled was pulled by a horse with jingling bells. There was straw on the

bottom of the sled and plenty of warm blankets. There was always a big spread of food at the home of the one who had given the invitation.

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On Halloween, groups of kids covered the countryside looking for an opportunity to pull a prank. One of the favorites was to upset the privies at the one-room school houses.

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Samuel Harrold Jr., a local blacksmith in the early 1900's, was a fun-loving fellow with a reputation as a prankster, and one day a group of village men decided to play a prank on Sam.

They found a sad-looking run-down mutt—a dog of dubious qualities, took him to the Leetonia express office, and had him shipped to Sam Harrold, in Columbiana.

Sam got word of the dog's arrival from the local express office, and on the way back he walked up through town with the dog in tow, tied to a rope.

Noticing a gathering of men across the street from the post office intently watching him and his new possession, he walked over and said to them, "Boys, I've just had a valuable dog shipped to me and I don't want to lose him. Would you please take care of him while I get my mail?"

Whereupon Sam went into the post office and left by the back door, leaving the men again in possession of the dog.

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Beaver Dam stretched a little west of north for several miles in a somewhat fan shape with Cherry Fork as the handle. Uncounted generations of beavers in the past had impeded the flow of Cherry Fork in common with other confluent streams of the upper Little Beaver and had made themselves a habitat well suited to their needs. There is no tradition that they bred here as late as 1804, but pelts from this colony of beavers found their way at the close of the eighteenth century to Pittsburgh over the McIntosh trail. They were the principal item of barter of our Indians.

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The trees found by the pioneers in this vicinity included several species of oak, hickory, locust, elm, buckeye, wild plum, cherry, maple, ash, beech, walnut, chestnut, poplar, cucumber, linden, and aspen.

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During the equinoctial season large flocks of wild geese settled at Beaver Dam, followed a week later by loons, lake gulls, stilted cranes, and herons. Flotillas of mallards, pintails, canvasbacks, and shovel ducks convoyed each other up and down the streams. The cunning red fox lived over near the big Sand Hill.

The bald eagle soared over these feeding grounds, striking down his choice of fowl, then heading back to the old eagle tree where his mate and eaglets were waiting.

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There were many bears in this area and they often



carried off pigs who roamed wild. The story is told of Robinson and his sons who, upon hearing the grand wailing of a pig in distress, with ax in hand and a pack of dogs along raced to the rescue.

They quickly found the bear with the shoat in her arms and her family of trailing cubs whimpering for their daily meal, and so the account ends without tragedy. Robinson outran the burdened bear, the shoat was rescued by the hounds, and the cubs by their natural protector.

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William Heald, our first county surveyor and the man who helped lay out Columbiana, was given a wampum belt by the Wyandotte Indians for his aid to them at a time of much suffering in the early 1800's.

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Within our forests the black bear was plentiful, as was the deer. Along the glades were wapiti, misnamed elk, as Elk Run still shows, antelope, and a half century earlier, buffalo, the cowardly prairie wolf, and the terrifying wild cat. The rocky slopes west of Washingtonville were their final coverts, from which they probably disappeared about 1810 or 1812. The smaller animals, with the exception of the beaver and otter, still hold fast. The last bear was killed on Michael Esterly's farm near a huckleberry woods.

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Threshing day was always a big day on area farms. Dishong and Reash operated rigs in Fairfield Township—a rig consisting of steam engine, separator, and crew. Sometimes they would arrive late in the evening, set up, and spend the night. Long before daybreak, the crew would fire up the engine to get up steam. Farmers would arrive from nearby farms with which threshing help was exchanged. The housewife, along with the neighboring wives, prepared a big noon meal.

Butchering day was another busy day. Since there were no refrigerators, this usually took place in late November, often on Thanksgiving. Fires were started early under the two big copper kettles filled with water which, when boiling, was used to help scrape the hair off the hogs. The carcass was slid into a barrel of this boiling hot water and, the hair scraped off, the carcass was hung on a tripod and slit down the middle with an ax. Cut-up fat went into one kettle for lard; head meat, liver, and heart went into another for pudding meats. A big dinner was served at noon with fresh pork loin. One of the popular stunts was pinning a pig tail on the back of some unsuspecting worker.

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When word came during the Civil War that Morgan's Raiders were nearing this area, many Columbiana residents fled to Todd's Woods to hide their horses and themselves.

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Old-time drillers insisted there was oil to be found in the Pleasant Valley area, but the equipment of that time would not allow them to go deep enough to reach it.

At least seven wells were drilled in the area. Three

were dry, three drillings brought in strong artesian wells, and the other struck gas on the Amos Felger farm now owned by Al Ferguson. The well wasn't strong enough to be of value commercially, but Felger piped the gas to his home where it was used for light and cooking.

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In the early days a good scout traveling on foot could cover the Fort Pitt-Fort Detroit trail and return in twenty days by way of Columbiana.

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The west was opening up, and many young men headed that way. Four brothers from the Columbiana area traveled first to Iowa, then north to the lumber camps near Grayling, Michigan. One met a young lady, married, and in due course was elected sheriff.

Shortly thereafter on a Saturday night in town some of the loggers imbibed a little too freely, and on Sunday morning a big fight erupted. One of the brothers was cook of the camp and to quiet things down he picked up a piece of cordwood and "broke a few heads." His brother, the sheriff, advised him to get out of Michigan, which he did, along with the other two brothers. They returned to this area where they spent the rest of their lives.

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The tanglewood of the beaver habitat was made of of many varieties of small trees. In these thickets passenger pigeons reared their young and added to the billions that clouded the earth in their migration seasons. The last of these died in the Cincinnati Zoological Gardens in September 1914 at the age of 28 years.

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Mrs. Mary Esterly Metts, wife of John Metts, told of many times feeding the half-starved Indians who came to the door of their home east of Columbiana on what is now Route 14. This was an old Indian trail and they were traveling westward.

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In the early 1800's George and Jacob Esterly were finishing off a run of maple syrup somewhat remote from the cabin. Suddenly the cry of a strange animal was heard, not unlike that of a human being in distress. And when the green reflections of the campfire from its eyes smote their senses, the boys were chilled with terror.

They drew live fagots from under the kettles and waved them about, finally driving off the painter that supposedly had been driven out of the big swamp by the Rappites. Others said it was a panther or a catamount, but Michael Esterly said, "Nein, nein, nur wilde katza." ("No, no, it was a wild cat.")

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The physicians of the horse-and-buggy days took care of their patients in many ways. Dr. Harry Bookwalter, treating a small boy for typhoid fever who lived two miles east of Columbiana, would stop every day on his rounds and deliver a half-pint of ice cream to his patient, that being the only food allowed.

So far as can be learned, the only time the bell of Jerusalem Lutheran Church was ever tolled for a funeral was for **Mary Ann Koch** who lived near New Waterford and whose family had requested it. The tolling was done by Ray Fisher, sexton at the time.

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To the best of the knowledge of many older residents, the only Indian who ever lived in Columbiana was **Susan Redpath**, who lived in a small house near where the Presbyterian Church now stands. She lived to be quite old and in later life would sit on the front porch in a rocking chair most of the day.

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For many years this was the largest shipping point in the United States for sheep, wool, small fruits and berries. The Pennsylvania Railroad at a spot east of Bell's Crossing on Pittsburgh Street is the second highest point on the railroad between Pittsburgh and Chicago. From a dozen or more passenger trains that stopped here daily, the number decreased until all passenger service ceased in 1953.

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**Nicholas Houlette** found a German woman hiding in his fields. She would never reveal her name or where she came from, but she lived with the family for many years as "Aunt Vici." Upon her death, she was buried in the Hum Cemetery. Sometime later, for some reason, her body was disinterred and was found to be extremely heavy. Upon examination, it is said, it was found to have turned to stone.

\*

According to legend, the last Indian killed in this area was shot about two and a half miles east of Columbiana a short distance west of the junction of Little Bull Creek and Turkey Run.

He had a crippled foot and his Indian name was "Turkey Foot," so the stream along which he was shot was named Turkey Run.

\*

Alongside Turkey Run stands an apple tree believed to have grown from a seed planted by Johnny Appleseed. This tree would be about 130 years old. Sixty-seven years ago it was part of a sizeable orchard, full-grown and bearing apples of many kinds.

\*

At one time, Columbia Street Creamery began receiving complaints from customers finding frogs in their milk. Upon investigation it was found that one of the farmers supplying milk and cream to them would stop at a nearby stream and dilute the milk and cream with creek water.

\*

**Benton Calvin** had played in bands all his life. And the four Calvin youngsters were taught to play instruments—several of them—almost as soon as they could hold them.

So it was only natural that Benton should start a band for boys along about 1919 when his young son

**Erwood** and his high school friends were looking for something interesting to do.

Benton himself played the cornet, among other instruments, and Erwood doubled on the baritone and bass horns. The boys they recruited included **Cliff Young, Evan Lodge, Stanley and Willard Vaughn, Ted Lyder, Raymond Ertzinger, Perry Kyser, Don Slagle, and Glenn Metz.**

The band played at fairs, parades—anywhere there was something going on and a band would add to the gaiety. Erwood recalls playing at the county track meet when **George Gaines** set his record, and at a party at the old Grange Hall at Firestone Farms—Mrs. Firestone gave them \$10.

Later on, as the boys grew older and others joined them, the organization grew into the beginnings of the American Legion band, popular here until the late 30's or early 40's.

\*

In the days before radio and television, a band was a natural result of people getting together and providing their own entertainment. Folks would find they liked to make music together, and they'd practice every week or every other week, and play whenever they had the chance. Members would change every so often, and maybe one band would overlap into another, but they played music and they had fun doing it.

According to various records, there were as many as 26 musical groups in Columbiana between 1840 and 1950—bands, orchestras, and fife-and-drum corps.

\*

**Groner's Opera House**, on South Vine Street on the site of the present fire station, served as public auditorium and social center for the village from the 1880's until it was condemned in 1915.

Originally built as a school in 1873, the building was sold in 1883 when the Board of Education built an addition to the Pittsburgh Street School. The buyers were **Frank and John Groner**, who turned it into what was perhaps Columbiana's most popular building at the time.

The downstairs contained a sizeable auditorium and the upstairs room was used as a basketball court by early CHS teams.

Among the many entertainments given there were church Christmas programs, school plays, medicine shows, and stage shows. High school graduation ceremonies were held there for many years and the high school literary societies held their exercises there.

Old-timers will remember the shows put on by the Lindsay family—**Fred, Baldy and Ross**, with **Hook Kyser** as the comic. **Sam Lindsay** recalls playing a part in one called "The Battle of the Little Big Horn."

The **Inmans**—**Nina, Dora, and Harry**—were another talented family. One of their productions was "Drummer Boy of Shiloh" in which **Vance Stewart** played the drummer boy.

\*

"At one time the town was turning out 10,000 buggies a year, say in the earliest 1900's. There were three major builders, one of whom turned out 5,000, another 3,000, and another 1,000 or more.

Many of the workers in these places traded work with each other—moonlighting, so to speak—so that they would wind up with perhaps four buggies of their own; these were the wheelwrights, body men, upholsterers, and finishers. So at one period there were 47 or 48 different nameplates on the buggies going out of Columbiana. By 1908 I believe they were all out of business.” — **Evan Lodge**.

\*

By 1835 Columbiana had thirty-two log buildings, most of which were later clapboarded so that it was difficult to recognize them.

\*

**George Gaines** tells this story: one time **Harvey Firestone** came to the Street Fair, leaving after a short time to go out to the Homestead to change his clothes.

When he came back he met **Miss Linda Snyder**, long-time school principal, and asked her if she'd like a bag of peanuts. When she said she would, he reached into his pocket and found he'd left his money in his other clothes.

**Miss Snyder** had to pay for the peanuts.

\*

**Isaac Nichols** in section 6 of **Fairfield Township** planned a new barn in the early 1860's. He wanted everyone to look at his barn as they traveled **Beeson Mill Road**.

Accordingly, he carried a petition to his neighbors, and with the twelve required signatures he had the road moved east about twenty feet and the barn was built where the road had been.

Each traveler on **Beeson Mill Road** since the 1860's has had to look at **Nichols' barn** either going south or north. It's still there at 785 **Beeson Mill Road** for any traveler to see.

\*

The last men to operate livery stables here were **George** and **John Mentzer** and **Ben Bowman** and his son, **Cal. George Mentzer** was the first to operate a taxi.

There seems to be a question about who owned the first automobile. **Isaac Esterly** was an early owner. **Elmer Detwiler** owned an International, a buggy-like vehicle with an engine. The **Theiss** brothers owned a Weston and later, with the help of **Harry Herrmann**, assembled a sizeable touring car in their workshop, which became the first garage in town. **Walter Seederly** was the first Ford dealer, his demonstrator a red roadster with a single open seat behind the front. **Raymond Snoke** owned the first motorcycle, a Harley Davidson with belt drive. Soon after, **Isaac Culp** used one on his rural mail route. **F. E. Sitler** owned one of the first trucks, a chain drive with solid rubber tires.

\*

The last Chinese laundry was operated here around 1915 by **Tee Soon**, who died in 1927 at the age of 58.

\*

When **Herb Nolan** was operating the **Globe Theater** back in 1917, he enlisted the help of a group of his

fellow high school students to provide sound effects when the movie running was a western.

Of course the piano player would provide appropriate music, but the boy's contribution was to sit down in the front row with cap pistols and shoot them at the proper times.

\*

**Marcus Alonzo Hanna's** father, **Leonard**, was born in a log cabin on the site of **Firestone Park**.

\*

Columbiana was—as it is now—a dry town, and since a nearby town was “wet”, men who wanted a drink often walked to this town.

One such man, having imbibed too freely, on his way home took a short cut through a cemetery, fell into an open grave, and proceeded to sleep it off right there.

The next morning, the sexton, seeing him there, picked up a stick and poked him. Whereupon he arose, looked around, and shouted, “Hallelujah! Resurrection Day, and we are the first two to arise!”

\*

Watermelons were a great delicacy, and before the days of fast freight quite a few were grown locally. The young men would delight in seeking these out—usually in the dark of night—and helping themselves.

One farmer planted a sweet potato patch in the center of his cornfield and let the word get around that he had a fine watermelon patch there. Sometime later he found footprints over the entire field. No doubt there were some boys in the community with muddy shoes, a few raw sweet potatoes—and maybe a lesson learned.

\*

As most of us know, sweet cider, after it has “aged” a while, becomes a potent drink.

Years ago, at the **Entrikin** apple orchard in the northwest area of town (where **North Vine Street** and **Allen Avenue** are now), there was a shed near a cider press in which barrels of this powerful product were stored.

**Old Bill Arnold**, who lived nearby, made a habit of crawling under this shed, drilling a hole in one of the barrels, and drinking to his heart's content.

On one occasion, a barrel of blue vitriol to be used as a pest control was put in with the barrels of cider, and, since the barrel he'd been drinking from was empty, **old Bill** proceeded to drill into what he thought was another barrel of cider, but in fact, was the one containing the deadly poison.

Legend has it that he died that afternoon.

\*

Strawberries became a money crop around here in the early 1900's. A two-and-a-half acre plot in a good season would produce between 500 and 700 thirty-two-quart hushels. Pickers from town and from nearby farms were paid one-and-a-half cents a quart.

Quart boxes were made up during the winter of wood veneer scored, placed over a mold, and a band tacked on. Crates and dividers were bought flat and nailed

together the morning before picking started. The earliest picking recalled was Memorial Day; the latest, the Fourth of July, the day of the Johnson-Jeffries heavyweight fight.

Some growers cropped their patch one year and, after the season was over, planted it in potatoes. If they had a late fall they got another good crop of potatoes.

\*

For years gypsy caravans on their way west passed through Columbiana with fine horses pulling gaily-painted vans. When word was received that they were coming, everyone hid their dogs and horses and saw to it that their children were in the house. It was said that they would steal horses and children as well as anything else.

Gypsies were also said to have hypnotic powers. One caravan camping west of Columbiana apparently did, for several of the women called at the home of a nearby farmer, talked to his wife, and she gave them everything they asked for. That night neighboring farmers gathered at the camp and ordered them on their way.

\*

Thomas B. Hyland was a veteran oil driller. The water wells in Firestone Park were his gift to the citizens of Columbiana.

\*

Shortly after the mausoleum was built in Columbiana Cemetery several young girls out for a walk were curious as to what was inside. Finding the door ajar, they entered and were looking around.

Meanwhile, the caretaker, who had seen them enter, slipped around to a vent in the rear and said in a deep voice, 'Please turn me over before you leave. I'm getting awfully tired.' Needless to say, the girls left in a hurry.

\*

The original Salem Road, a western continuation of Pittsburgh Street, is really the oldest street in Columbiana since it was an old Indian Trail.

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The present Route 14 was a sea of mud in the spring and after heavy rains. It was paved with brick laid by hand; and since there were few, if any, trucks available, all materials to build it were shipped by rail to Hum's Crossing on Route 7. A narrow-gauge railway was then laid north to Route 14, west to Unity and east to Columbiana and all materials were hauled on this "dinky" railroad to the construction sites. Since Governor Cox was instrumental in having this road paved, it was known as "The Cox Highway."

\*

Columbiana has had citizens who were blood relations of George Washington, Patrick Henry, and Benjamin Franklin.

\*

One day, some berry growers loading cars of

strawberries at Hum's Crossing heard a strange unearthly sound. They could only conclude that it was made by a partially demented person said to be roaming the area blowing through a piece of gas pipe at the Felgers' gas well.

Since this was quite near one of the growers' home, they advised him to whip up his team and head for home where his wife and small son were alone—they would load his berries.

It turned out to be only the Theiss brothers and Harry Herrmann taking an automobile they'd assembled out for a trial run, and blowing the exhaust whistle!

\*

About the time the P.F.W. and C. Railroad began running trains over the newly-laid tracks, a ghost-like light was seen flitting about in the Hum Cemetery causing much excitement.

The mysterious light was later found to be made by the headlight of the locomotive reflecting from the tombstones.

\*

When Ohio was hit by huge floods in 1913, many of the local people went to Youngstown on the Y & S to view the raging Mahoning River.

\*

Colonel Albert Kuegle was on General Pershing's staff during World War I.

\*

The last store to sell and repair harness, saddles, and leather goods was operated by Fred Thoman.

\*

Folks used to tell about how the Sponsellor family, on their journey to Columbiana, protected both themselves and their resources from possible attack and robbery.

It seems one member of the family carried a double-barreled shotgun—but with a difference. One barrel was loaded with the conventional ball and powder, but the other was filled with the family resources—several gold coins.

\*

One of the first indoor swimming pools in Ohio was opened in the large brick building on Railroad Street, now occupied by Century Industries.

\*

The early Germans in Columbiana celebrated three feasts a year: Love (in early spring), Harvest Homes (small grains), and Feast of the Gathering (all harvest finished). The Harvest Home later became known as the Country Harvest Home Picnic and was held at Shelton's Grove. As many as 8,000 teams with buggies and wagons crowded through the gates on a single day.

\*

Dr. Harry Bookwalter and a doctor from a nearby community drove to New York City in Doc's three-



passenger Willys-Knight coupe to attend a convention.

While they were there, the other doctor died, and rather than go through the red tape necessary to move a body from one state to another, the suggestion was made that Doc drive him home.

They arranged his body in a lifelike position in the seat of the car. When they arrived in Columbiana, a friend of Enos Bookwalter's was waiting in front of the office on the Square, and as they pulled up he walked to the curb, talked to Dr. Harry for awhile, and seeing no movement from the doctor's companion, said, "What's the matter with your friend? Is he sick?" "No, he's dead," replied Doc.

\*

There was one evening, during the period in 1920 when the Presbyterian Church was being built at the corner of East Park and North Elm, when the Rev. C. S. McGrath was nowhere to be found.

He hadn't come home for supper, and it was 9 p.m. and the family was really getting worried. They had called the police to help look for him, and were just about to search the building site—thinking he might have been looking around and had fallen somewhere—when in he came.

It turned out that he'd been at Dr. Philip Felger's office the entire time, trying to talk Dr. Felger into joining the church.

Incidentally, the doctor (he was a dentist) did join eventually, and was a faithful member until his death some time in the 30's.

\*

In a Bicentennial speech to Kiwanis Club in March, 1976, Village Manager Albert E. Wardingley set forth these examples of Columbiana's standing as a leading community in the area:

We were first to have an electric generating plant, in 1889.

We were first to have a complete sewer system. Dr. Harry Bookwalter ran for, and was elected to, the office of mayor to accomplish this one purpose. The plant was constructed in 1915.

We were first to enact planning and zoning

regulations, in 1958 during Erwood Calvin's administration.

We were first to set up an Auxiliary Police Force.

In 1894 the voters approved a bond issue for the construction of a water system to replace cisterns and wells in village homes. In 1939 a softening plant was built by WPA labor and in 1958 it was expanded. A million-gallon reservoir and a 12-inch waterline into the village were constructed.

In 1969, the village enacted a subdivision ordinance, setting minimum standards for construction and requiring installation of water and sewer lines and street improvements.

In 1971, the village adopted the one per cent income tax, and still adheres to the original allocation of the proceeds—twenty per cent to the general fund for salaries and eighty per cent for capital improvements. Since then, three other area communities have enacted a wage tax.

In 1975, the village spent \$381,000 on capital improvements, including:

- The South Side Sanitary Sewer.
- A Facilities Plan.
- Repairs to Firestone Park Stadium.
- The Fairfield School Road Water Extension.
- The West Salem Street Sanitary Sewer.
- The Richards Avenue Waterline Extension.
- The purchase of additional park land, to be used also as a future well site.

An additional \$230,000 has been allocated for capital improvements for 1976, including:

- The paving of Salem Street, Fairfield School Road, Fairfield Avenue, North Main Street, and Metz Road.
- Rehabilitation of the North End Pump Station.
- The Souder Pump Station force main.
- More repairs to Firestone Park Stadium.

In 1973 the village was the first in the area to adopt the charter form of government and hire an administrator. Also in 1973, we were the first to add fluoride to the water system as mandated by the state.

In 1974, the village was the first to adopt a Comprehensive Plan. We also adopted the no-burning ordinance, required by Federal law, and the flood plain ordinance, whereby residents living in a flood-prone area can purchase insurance for flood damage.



The Firestone Homestead. In this house, built in 1828, Harvey S. Firestone was born in 1868.

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The Eureka Creamery, one of a number in this area established as Riecks (a large Pittsburgh dairy) receiving stations.



Perkins Blacksmith Shop, on the east side of Elm Street between East Park and East Friend Street. Left to right, Frank Perkins, Fred Thoman, Harv Beck, Warren Roller.



Kyser's Billiard Parlor: Bob Kyser in doorway.



Inside Crawford's Grocery, 1922: Chester Burbick, clerk.



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Esterly Blacksmith Shop and Wagon Sales: Left to right, Eno Metzler, Clifford Esterly, Russell Esterly, Bob Esterly, John Esterly.



The Post Office at the corner of South Main and East Friend Streets, on the east side of Main.



A Halloween Mock Wedding prior to World War I: Minister, Marion Todd; Groom, Walter Lindsay; Bride, Ross Flickinger.



South Main Street, with Ryan's visible across the street.



Inside Lodge Dry Goods Store: On left, Dan Miller, Sue Harrold Pregoner. On right, Fred Lodge, Vera Harrold Poulton.



Inside Sprott Dry Cleaning Shop: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sprott.



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Charles B. Fuhrman - Margaret Cole Fuhrman  
Paul (Pete) Fuhrman  
Walter (Scrubbie) Fuhrman

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Earl H. Newell - born July 3, 1892  
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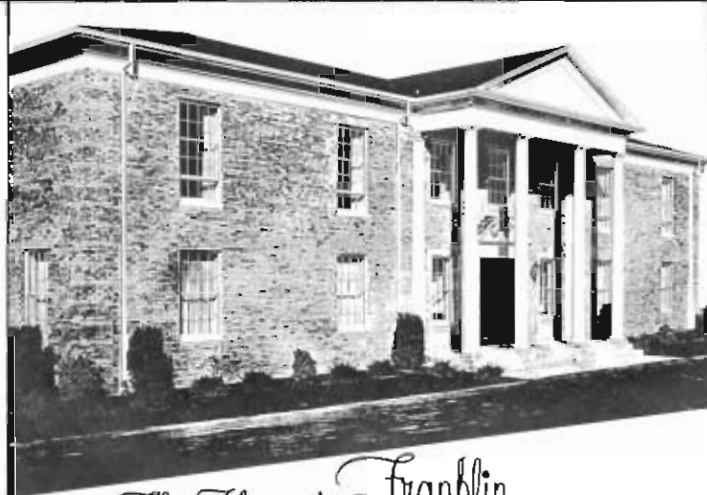
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